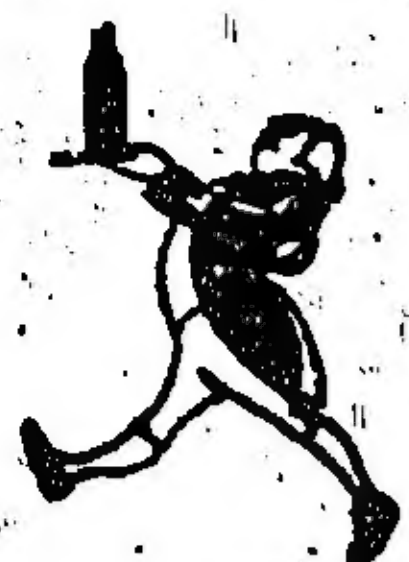


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The undersized husband was trying on the overcoat his wife had bought him for Christmas. "You know, dear," he said, gazing at himself in the mirror, "this is a nice present and all that, and don't think that I'm ungrateful. But really, isn't it much too big for me?"

"I know, my dear," she returned. "But we can't help that. You must remember that it's got to cover the radiator of the car in cold weather. We have to consider that first, haven't we?"

Papa? "Bobby, if you had a little more spunk you would stand better in your classes. Do you know what spunk is?"

Gobby: "Yes, sir. It's the last particle of spunk."

It was the end of the scene and the heroine was staring. "Give me bread!" she cried. And the curtain came down with a roll.

"Mummy," asked a little boy at a concert, at the end of the interval, "have the orchestra had something to eat?"

"I don't know," said the mother. "I think they have," said the boy. "It says on the program, 'Part two will be given by a fuller orchestra.'"

What is the difference between a statesman and a politician, dad?

"A statesman, Willie, usually wants to do something for his country, and a politician wants to do his country for something."

Mr. Parrott wanted the picture hung to the right of the mirror; Mrs. Parrott wanted it hung to the left. For once he proved the victor, and Joseph, the caretaker, was summoned to hang the picture according to his orders.

Obediently Joseph drove in a nail on the right, as directed. This done, he also drove one in the wall on the left.

"What is the second nail for?" Mr. Parrott demanded.

"It's to save me the trouble of fetching the ladder to-morrow when you come round to the mistress's way of thinking," said Joseph.

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Its editor is a woman—Miss Katherine Blackburn, a former social worker and an old friend of Mr. Roosevelt.

Under her labour 50 trained newspaper workers who comprise the Division of Press Intelligence. They occupy a suite of offices in the Department of Commerce building.

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YESTERDAY'S QUOTATIONS

T.T. ON LONDON.—1/3 ld. (nom).

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HOW THE LORDS ARE DRESSED

COST OF THE ROBES FOR TRIAL OF LORD DE CLIFFORD

From Father To Son

In the back rooms of a shop in Chancery Lane hundreds of scarlet cloth bags, each with a tasseled cord, were recently stacked counter high.

Each bag had a white linen label with the name of a peer of the realm. Inside was the scarlet robe which the peer was to wear at the State opening of Parliament and at the trial of Lord de Clifford.

Mr. Ravenscroft, of the firm of Ede and Ravenscroft, was busy among the heaps of bags when a reporter called. Many other robes were hanging round the walls.

Mr. Ravenscroft has been robing peers for 64 years. Three other generations of Ravenscrofts did it before him. And before that, the Edes looked after the Lords Spiritual and Temporal back to the reign of William and Mary.

"Peers' robes are valuable things," Mr. Ravenscroft said. "They cost from eight guineas each upwards, according to the gold braid and ermine on them, and that varies with the rank of the peer."

"We are responsible for them—for cleaning and repairing them and keeping the moth out. They are of course, much too valuable to leave here. When we are not working on them they are safely stored elsewhere."

"We are always busy just before the opening of Parliament. But this year we were busier than usual, for in addition to getting the robes ready we had to provide the black, braided, silk cocked hats for the trial of Lord de Clifford."

Mr. Ravenscroft pointed to a pile of tissue-wrapped hats in a corner.

Worn by Nelson

"Some of the robes," he said, "have been handed down from father to son for years. Some are well over 200 years old. We have one here which was made for the first Lord Nelson; there is, too, one of the Duke of Marlborough's."

"These contrast with ones we made for two new peers who have not yet taken their seats in the Lords."

In the show cases were swords, top-boots, braided uniforms, and boxes labelled "Sheffield, B.S.C.," "F.R.C.S.," "Leeds, B.A.," and with other degrees.

"You see," said Mr. Ravenscroft, "we look after the universities as well. And the Church, civic life and the professions."

An assistant came in with a load of dark blue bags, embroidered with initials.

"Those are barrister's bags—junior counsel. K.C.'s have red ones. Sometimes juniors ask if they can have red ones, but we have to refuse. They can only have them if they are presented to them by a 'silk' as a mark of appreciation for a specially good piece of work."

The State Department requires a special service of cuttings on the Abyssinian dispute while items dealing with the domestic situation in foreign countries are being carefully watched.

This Press Division is reputed to be a "brain child" of President Roosevelt, whose interest in newspaper work and accessibility to journalists is well known. The Division was evolved from a cutting service which supplied newspaper clippings to the President and to certain members of his cabinet.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

Cinema

King's:—"Escape Me Never."
Queen's:—"Manhattan Tower."
Oriental:—"Woman Wanted."
World:—"Chinese Picture."
Alhambra:—"Love in Bloom."
Majestic:—"A Notorious Gentleman."
Star:—"Kid Millions."

Entertainments.—Concert of Chamber Music, at Helena May, 5.30 p.m.

Meetings.—Victoria Chess Club at Gloucester Hotel, 5.30 p.m. Theosophical Society, 6 p.m.

Miscellaneous.—Women's Fellowship meets at St. Andrew's Hall, 3 p.m.

Social.—Craigensower Cricket Club Whist Drive, 9 p.m.

Sports

Badminton.—Men's Doubles, St. Andrew's "A" v. St. John's; Club de Recreio "A" v. Elliot Hall "B".

Hockey.—East Lancashires seconds v. Third Battery, H.K.S.R.A. (Shamshupo Camp), 4.30 p.m.

Snooker.—Steel Coulson League, Royal Engineers v. Chief and Petty Officers; Fusiliers v. Garrison Sergeants; Prison Officers v. Catholic Union; Naval Dockyard Police v. St. Patrick's; Civil Service v. Dockyard R.C.

Moon.—Full Moon, 2.15 a.m. XII Moon, 15th Day, Total Eclipse of the Moon.

Sunrise.—7.05 a.m. Sunset.—5.55 p.m.

Tides.—High at 11.14 and 21.38; Low at 4.12 and 14.43.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

Anniversaries and Holidays.—St. William, Bishop.

Cinema

King's:—"Escape Me Never."
Queen's:—"Manhattan Tower."
Oriental:—"Star of Midnight."
World:—"Chinese Picture."
Alhambra:—"Love in Bloom."
Star:—"Stranded."

Dances.—Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club Annual Dance, at Peninsula Hotel.

Entertainments.—Special Performance of "Lady Precious Stream" for the senior classes of schools at 8.30 p.m. in the University.

Meetings.—Christian Fellowship, Helena May 10.30 a.m.; Kowloon Chess Club, at Central British School, 5.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's Girls' Guild, 6 p.m.; Kowloon Union Church General Committee, 6.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.—Prize Distribution at Government Vernacular Middle School, 11 a.m.; Examination for Home Nursing Certificate at St. John Ambulance Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.

Social.—H.K. R.A. Sergeants Mess Whist Drive and Tombola, 6.30 p.m.

Sports

Badminton.—Mixed Doubles, Fire Brigade v. St. John's; Chinese R.C. v. Club de Recreio "A"; Club de Recreio "B" v. St. Andrew's; Talkoe R.C. v. Sailors and Soldiers' Home.

Hockey.—Royal Artillery Officers v. East Lancashires (Marina Ground), 4 p.m.; H.K.S.R.A. v. Army "A" (Marina Ground), 4.30 p.m.; Hong Kong Hockey Club seconds v. Police (King's Park), 5 p.m.

Moon.—XII Moon, 16th Day. Sunrise.—7.05 a.m. Sunset.—5.55 p.m.

Tides.—High at 11.45 and 22.15; Low at 4.45 and 15.25.

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NAVAL POWERS' CONFERENCE

OPENING MEETING ON MONDAY

Problems To Be Faced

London Dec. 17. The Five-Power Naval Conference will be opened at the Foreign Office on Monday by Mr. Baldwin, the Prime Minister. The meeting will take place in the Locarno Room and delegates representing Great Britain and the Dominions, the United States, Japan, France, and Italy will attend. An observer from the League of Nations will be present. The conference has been convened to negotiate a new international treaty for the limitation of naval armaments.

The countries represented were parties to the Washington and London Naval Treaties, both of which expire at the end of next year. The conference has been summoned in compliance with Article XXIII of the Washington Treaty, which, among other provisions, limited the number and the tonnage of battleship fleets and aircraft-carriers. In December, 1934, the Japanese Government gave notice of their intention to terminate this treaty, an act which made obligatory the conference now being held.

The conference has been preceded by preliminary discussions between the British Government and the other Powers concerned. These have been carried out by exchanges between the respective capitals, with London as a clearing-house for views designed to assure a reasonable prospect of reaching a new agreement to take the place of the expiring treaties. It is hoped that any agreement reached by the Five Powers taking part will in due course be widened into an agreement including other naval Powers not represented at the conference.

BRITISH ATTITUDE

The general British attitude to the question of naval limitation has been indicated in the detailed proposals placed before the Disarmament Conference in 1932. In effect, these proposals aim at securing qualitative limitation in all classes of ships of war, making them lower in tonnage and gun capacity than was accepted as a basis of agreement in the Washington Treaty. Similar suggestions were made by Lord Monell, First Lord of the Admiralty, in his speech on the Naval Estimates last March.

Important political developments have taken place in world affairs since the Washington Treaty was signed. Japanese action in China has given a new form to the Far Eastern question; events in Abyssinia have altered perspectives in relation to naval affairs in the Mediterranean, the Red Sea, and the Indian Ocean; Germany has repudiated the naval restrictions of the Versailles Treaty, but has voluntarily agreed with Great Britain to limit herself to 35 per cent. of British naval strength. These developments will doubtless be reflected in the discussions.

Probably all the Powers at the conference will desire some revision of the present limitations, but the outstanding problem will lie in reconciling Japanese claims with the policies of Great Britain and the United States. Japan is understood to advocate strongly that any future agreement should provide the same "upper limit" for the naval armaments of all the contracting Powers—an attitude which will greatly affect the course of the conference. The existing ratio for battleships is 5, 5, 3 for Great Britain, the United States, and Japan respectively, with a lower ratio for France and Italy. Under the Japanese proposal for a common upper limit all the Powers could build up to the standard of Great Britain and the United States.

QUESTION OF RATIOS

Parity between the British and American battle fleets was adopted at Washington, and the ratio of the other three Powers was a reflection of their actual strength at the time; but those three Powers have since expressed dissatisfaction with the allotted ratios as a permanent arrangement. France in particular held that the assessment of her strength was too low and perpetuated her post-war naval weakness. Consequently, when the London Conference proposed to extend the ratio to fleet leaders and destroyers neither France nor Italy accepted that part of the treaty which resulted.

It is understood that the United States adheres to the ratio policy in all categories. Japan takes the view that ratios are incompatible with national self-respect, and indicates that she will accept no basis inferior to others. If the difficulties in the way of quantitative agreement should prove insuperable, the conference will have to seek agreement in qualitative limitations, determining the maximum tonnage and the maximum armament for each type of vessel.

It is believed that agreement can be reached on a common upper limit for battleships.

RHINOCEROS AND DEER HORNS

Their Use In Chinese Medicine

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In a Special Article, the Peking Chronicle of December 30 says:—

A delightful story, reprinted by this paper on December 20 from "The Shanghai Evening Post" related a legendary use of rhinoceros horns in ancient times. It stated that Emperor Hsuan, Ch'ing (113-755 A.D.), upon being presented with one of these horns, used it for heating his room as if it were a sort of radiator.

This reminds one of another use of rhinoceros horns surviving in China to the present day—using them as a remedy for certain ailments. Pills containing powder made from rhinoceros horn are said to be efficacious in certain cases of indigestion, and they appear to be widely prescribed by native doctors. The recipe given in the Chinese Pharmacopoeia for preparing these pills reads as follows: Take the root of a plant known in science as "Conioselinum Unifolium" soak it for two days in water; boil it in water with corn seeds; mix the resultant mass with equal parts of rhinoceros horn and hide and a's with a similar part of the brains of the musk ox; boil the whole in honey; and, lastly, make into pills.

THE MIXTURE

The mixture is reputed to be a sure medicine against all sorts of digestive disorders. However, since no rhinoceros can be found now anywhere in China, it is believed that native doctors cheat their patients; they appear to substitute a bone for the rhinoceros horn, and the patient suspects nothing. Simply, he is not expected to distinguish the taste of the one stuff from the other.

Rhinoceros horn is black in colour and of bony substance. It is extremely valued in Chinese medicine, and this fact explains the wholesale extermination of these animals in China where they inhabited hinterlands of Yunnan, Kweichow, Kwangsi and Kwangtung. They are still to be found in the jungles of Bengal, Siam, Borneo and Annam, which countries appear to be China's principal sources of supply for these horns.

When speaking of the use of rhinoceros horns in Chinese medicine, one cannot help but mention also deer horns and antlers, which have a very wide use in Chinese medical practice. It is also of interest to mention here that, if we are to believe a popular story, this medicine as well as "ginseng" (Panax Ginseng) played an unsavoury rôle in the downfall of a Romanov Dynasty in Russia. According to this story, the authenticity of which however remains to be proved, Dr. Badmayev, a Russian, well-versed in Chinese medicine, and the right-hand man of the Monk Rasputin, with whom he had been admitted to the Russian Court, used to administer this medicine to the Crown Prince Alexis, who was—as is known—a victim of an incurable disease. It is stated that only the medicine administered by Badmayev gave him any relief, and through this he and Rasputin maintained great influence over the Czarina and in politics.

DEER HORNS

There are several ways of preserving deer horns. First, they must be cut off from the skull, preferably with a piece of the forehead, as one often sees them exhibited in the show-windows of Chinese pharmacologists. It is preferable that the horns be cut off from a live animal, a process

extremely gruesome and cruel. The horns should be cut off early, before they become bony, that is, at the end of May or early in June. After being separated from the skull, they are subjected to careful boiling, which should be carried out as follows: (1) horns are boiled three times, for periods ranging from two to seven hours, until they get transparent; (2) the horns are submerged in boiling water for 1-2 seconds; then (3) they are dried in shadow, this process being repeated several hours until they become transparent. In Siberia, there is another method—boiling in salted water—which, however, is considered to be less satisfactory than the two named methods.

If the horns are to be preserved in the woods, where the animal is killed, they are subjected to heating, for which purpose a jump is used, in which the horns are buried, is held above a fire. They are kept so until they become red-dish in colour.

The horns are now ready for sale. Before being used as medicine, they must be separated from the forehead, and placed in hot steam until they get soft. Now the pharmacist takes them out and cuts them in thin layers, beginning from the tip of the horn. The top part of the horn is considered to contain higher medicinal properties than other parts and consequently brings a higher price.

A PANACEA

As medicine, the young deer horns have the widest possible application. They are given against fever, convulsions, bladder complaints, diarrhoea, headache, dysentery and rheumatism. Besides, they are regarded as a stimulant, facilitating blood circulation. In cases of falling memory or general impotence, there is no better remedy—it is said—than certain powders containing deer horn preparations as an ingredient. Teaching of small children is assisted by a recipe of these horns, it is asserted.

Until now we have considered the use of young, half-soft horns of deer. Old antlers have as many applications in Chinese medicine. They are roasted on a slow fire, reduced to powder and boiled. The resultant paste, black in colour, is administered against burns, abscesses, kidney troubles, and even against baldness.

In view of this wide application in Chinese medicine, there is a never ending demand for deer antlers, young and old. The best quality horns, cut off and preserved so as to satisfy the most exacting scrutiny, bring as much as \$1,500 a pair. The trade knows three kinds of horns: of spotted deer, wild deer and domestic deer. Retail, a "liang" (37.3 grammes) of a spotted deer horn, best quality, costs \$80; middle quality, \$40; and third quality, \$20. The horn of a domestic deer is regarded as of the poorest quality and consequently costs less.

According to Customs statistics which, however, cannot be relied upon in view of the widespread smuggling practised in the trade, it appears that China gets the larger part of these from Siberia. Japan and Korea have, of late, become quite substantial exporters of these articles, due to the breeding of spotted deer, there exclusively for their horns. Soviet Russia appears to be not falling behind, having opened similar breeding farms in the Maritime Province, also exclusively for the young horns.

ARRIVAL OF DELEGATES

The American, French, and Italian delegates to the Conference arrived in London yesterday and were met by, among others, Mr. J. R. Monck, representing the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. The American party, who arrived in the afternoon and were welcomed by Mr. R. W. Bingham, the American Ambassador in London, and other Embassy officials and representatives of the Foreign Office, included the following delegates: Mr. Norman Davis, Mr. Roosevelt's Ambassador at Large; Mr. William

Phillips, the Assistant Secretary of State; and Admiral W. H. Standley, Chief of Naval Operations. With the delegates were two technical advisers, Commander R. E. Schurman and Lieutenant A. D. Ayres. The Italian delegation, which will be headed by Signor Grandi, the Ambassador in London, includes Vice-Admiral Pini, with Rear-Admiral Raimondo Bisio and Commander Margottini as advisers. The French delegates who arrived are: Vice-Admiral Durand-Viel, Chief of the Naval Staff; Vice-Admiral Robert; and M. Carde.

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SCRAMBLED SAUSAGES

Put three pork sausages in hot water and bring gently to the boil, remove and when cool, skin

and smash up with a fork. Melt one ounce butter in a frying pan and brown the sausage meat. Break two eggs in a cup and beat up with half a cupful of milk and scramble with a dot of butter. Add the sausages to the eggs and serve at once hot buttered toast.

BAKED EGGS IN TOMATOES

Slice off the tops of four large tomatoes and scoop out the centre. Into each cavity break an egg, season with pepper and salt and put a small piece of butter on top. Have ready four rounds of fried bread covered with a bit of bacon, place in a baking-tin with a tomato on each round and bake for about twenty minutes or till the tomato is cooked.

BUTTON ONIONS

FOR YOUR DINNER PARTY

At this time of year there always seem to be large quantities of button onions, and many people wonder what to do with them. Here are three recipes for using them, a soup, an omelette and a garnish.

BUTTON ONION SOUP

This is best if made with stock from chicken's giblets, but a good vegetable stock makes an excellent soup.

Peel a handful of the little fellows, choosing them all the same size, and try them lightly in very little butter without browning them. Then add a coffee-spoonful of sugar and fry on until they are golden.

Now add a pint and a half of the stock you have chosen, add a little salt and some pepper and boil for a quarter of an hour. Serve with croutons of fried bread or potato.

BUTTON ONION OMELETTE

Boil a handful of button onions, and when they are done drain them and keep them aside. Now make a little thick Mornay sauce (i.e., Bechamel flavoured with cheese). Fry the onions to a light brown in butter and use this butter to fry your omelette.

While the omelette is being made, put the onions into the sauce, and when the omelette is done, stuff it with the sauced onions. You have to be a little more careful than usual when dishing this delicious omelette.

BUTTON ONIONS FOR GARNISHING

White glazed onions are cooked in white stock with an ounce of butter added to each half-pint. When they are done, reduce the stock to a glaze and roll the onions in it.

Brown glazed onions are cooked in butter only, but you must add, some castor sugar, so that the onions, cook and brown at the same time. Be careful that they do not burn at the end, for the sugar will caramelize quickly.

an ounce and a half of sugar and the rind of a lemon. Mix with three beaten eggs, strain into the pie-dish sprinkle the top with grated nutmeg, place the dish in a pan of hot water, and bake in the oven until set but not hard.

Banana Dishes

Grease a pie-dish and slice lengthways six or eight bananas into it. Sprinkle with two table-spoonfuls of water and one of lemon juice. Cover thickly with sugar and put at the top of a very hot oven until the sugar browns slightly. Serve with cream. A variation of this dish is to bake the bananas in a slower oven until brown. When nearly done add a glass of sherry.

For banana turnovers cut each banana in halves and roll in warm jam. Make some good, light pastry and roll it out thinly. Cut to fit the bananas, fold over, wet the edges, and fasten them down. Bake in a hot oven for about half an hour. For banana fritters cut the fruit in halves, then again lengthways into quarters. Sprinkle with sugar and then pour over a little rum or sherry. Soak with butter and fry in boiling fat until golden brown.

ICING

Many people complain that their water icing becomes "crusty" almost before their cake is iced, and consequently, if left for a few minutes in an emergency, is useless. This can be avoided by covering the bowl containing the icing with a damp cloth. As far as possible the bowl should be kept covered even during use, but it is a sure precaution when called away in an emergency. Most people make orange or lemon water icing by adding flavouring essence, but a far better flavour can be obtained by substituting the juice of the fruit for the water. The juice should be slightly warmed before adding it to the sifted sugar.

SAVOURY

One. Lay a poached roe or two in the bottom of a small soufflé case, or in a tartlet or a barquette, cover with cheese soufflé mixture and bake in the oven as usual.

Two. Line the bottom of your tartlet or barquette with a purée made from red herrings' roes, put over them a soufflé mixture made with smoked haddock, and bake in the usual way. Both of these are very strongly recommended.

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Made Aeroplane And Flew It

ACHIEVEMENT OF AMATEUR GOLFER

Mr. E. H. Chambers, an amateur golfer who lives at Prince's Risborough, has built a "Flying Flea" aeroplane without any previous knowledge or experience of aeronautics.

He recently revealed something of his achievement.

"I built my machine in exactly sixty days at my home," he said. "I followed the instruction book issued by M. Mignot, but made one or two alterations, such as providing more room in the fuselage to enable me to take a set of golf clubs about with me."

"I have fitted a Scott 'Flying Squirrel' engine which gives 35 miles to the gallon. The machine has a range of 210 to 220 miles so that with one half for fuel I could fly from my home to Paris for less than 15s."

Mr. Chambers is 48. His machine was towed behind his car to Ramsgate Airport as soon as it was ready.

There he has made a series of successful experimental flights without being taught to fly.

He finds that the wing is inclined to warp a little, so he is now going to tow the machine home again and build a new wing.

The machine, including the engine has cost him about £135 to construct. He plans to fly in it to golf courses all over the country.

An Aged Recluse's £40,000

"LITTLE WOMAN IN BLACK" OF NEW JERSEY

Mrs. Ellen Ackerman, the "Little Old Woman in Black," died as she had lived for many years, entirely alone in an old house at Westwood, New Jersey.

The house in which Mrs. Ackerman spent the last forty-eight of her eighty-eight years lacked gas, electricity, water or central heating. The wallpaper hung raggedly from bare walls and the floors were carpetless.

The old lady hardly ever left the house, except to purchase crullers (crisp cakes), of which she was extremely fond. Her last such trip was on November 21, when she bought a dozen of these cakes. When next morning a neighbour drew her daily supply of water from the well and entered the house, he found Mrs. Ackerman dead in the kitchen.

Physicians stated that a heart attack was the cause of death, and the neighbours pointed to the fact that there were only six crullers left.

Mrs. Ackerman having left no will, the Orphans' Court was made administrator of the estate. It was not until the Court's agents began to go through the house that they discovered in trunks and other hiding places a fortune of over \$60,000 dollars (£40,000). Thirty distant cousins have appeared to claim it.

Transformation Of Shoreham Beach

"BUNGALOW TOWN" MAY BE WHOLLY CHANGED

Shoreham Beach, which is known as Bungalow Town, may soon be changed beyond recognition. The Council are now entering into provisional contracts with a large number of bungalow owners with a view to buying up their bungalows, pulling them all down, and then turning the beach into a lido with bathing huts and umbrellas, car parks, public shelters, refreshment rooms and so on.

Details of the scheme have not yet been decided, but the Council have approved the scheme in principle, and the rest depends on the results of the negotiations with the bungalow owners and on whether the Minister of Health will sanction the proposals.

Jubilee Bungalow, built in 1897 to celebrate Queen Victoria's jubilee, was only about the sixth to be put on the beach. Now there are several hundred bungalows.

In the Early Days
Mr. Thomas Lee, whose father built the Jubilee Bungalow, said: "In those days it was possible to buy a fine bungalow for well under £100. One could purchase a railway carriage at Shoreham station for £71."

The carriages were taken across the river on to the beach by six horses.

But life was very primitive on the beach in those days. People had to buy water. It was brought round and sold to them in pipes or large barrels for 1s. 6d. or for 2d. you could get a bucket full.

There was no footbridge leading on to the beach. Ferry-men used to

When Lord Hewart Was A Journalist

"THOSE WERE HAPPY DAYS" NEARLY FORTY YEARS AGO

Lord Hewart, the Lord Chief Justice, recalled his early newspaper days when he was the guest of honour at the Ladies' Night at the Press Club.

"Those were happy days," he said. "As they say in the Temple, 'Once a mortgage, always a mortgage,' so you may say—and I say—'Once a journalist, always a journalist'—at least I hope so."

"It is now nearly forty-four years since I first wrote an article in a newspaper office with a small boy standing by my side to take down every sheet as it was finished—a nervous operation."

"But what a delightful life you have. You call yourselves working journalists. I like the phrase. I never hear the phrase employed without asking myself quietly, 'who then are the non-working journalists?' Is it better to be a working journalist or a non-working journalist?"

"I do not think there is any profession in the world which does its work better than the profession of the working journalist."

charge anything up to 2s. 6d. to as people across that 100 yards or so of water.
"Things are very different now. That has all been done away with. Railway carriages are no longer allowed. All bungalows have to be built of fire-resisting material."

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"Love in Bloom"

MAJESTIC:—
"A Notorious Gentleman"

STAR:—
"Kid Millions"

Coming

KING'S:—
"Anna Karenina"

QUEEN'S:—
"A Midsummer Night's
Dream"

ORIENTAL:—
"Star of Midnight"

STAR:—
"Stranded"

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"Anna Karenina"

"ESCAPE ME NEVER"

While she is at work on the set, the much-discussed star, Elizabeth Bergner insists upon privacy.

Behind this demand there is neither a desire to surround herself with an aura of mystery nor a wish to become a legendary and unapproachable figure. The simple truth is that this young actress who has been variously hailed as the peer and the superior of Duse and Bernhardt, is as shy as a child and feels that she can do her best when there are not too many people around her.

Bergner, Miss Bergner and her brilliant director-husband, Paul Canner, find their working days so crowded that they cannot afford interruption.

They are tireless workers, each scene must be artistically perfect, even though perfection may mean rehearsing and recording that scene twenty times.

"Escape Me Never," the new B. & D. film is currently occupying the screen of the King's Theatre.

"MANHATTAN TOWER"

Never has Mary Brian, the screens most dainty actress, been more convincing or more appealing for that matter, than in her latest picture "Manhattan Tower" which opened at the Queen's Theatre yesterday.

Opposite Miss Brian in the picture is James Hall one of our old favourites, and included in the cast are Irene Rich and Hale Hamilton.

The story centres around the power room of the world's largest skyscraper "Manhattan Tower" where James Hall is employed as an ambitious young electrician. Mary works as secretary to Burns, head of a Steel Co., which is also in the building and she and James have an understanding between each other.

They manage to save together over 1,000 dollars in order to buy a nice home for the future, but some how the money is intruded into investing the money by Burns her boss, and there after the trouble begins.

Mary handles the sympathetic role like the capable actress that she is, and makes us live the part with her, which is the supreme test of any characterization.

"Manhattan Tower" brings beautiful Mary Brian and James Hall back to their best of screen admirers in the appealing roles of two young lovers who wouldn't let the city defeat them in their happiness.

Irene Rich, beloved actress who has won the hearts of a nation, will be seen in a featured role with Hale Hamilton. This appealing screen duo scored together in "The Champ" and you'll never forget them in "Manhattan Tower!"

Noel Francis, Nydia Westman, Clay Clement, Billy Dooley and a preferred cast of screen artists give prize performance to make this swift-paced drama one in a million.

"Manhattan Tower" closes to-day at the Queen's Theatre.

In addition to the principals Joe Morrison and Dixie Lee give outstanding performances. I am quite certain that this picture will be highly appreciated by all patrons of the Alhambra Theatre.

"LOVE IN BLOOM"

George Burns and Gracie Allen, as a team, need no introduction to movie fans. The mere fact that they are appearing in a show is sufficient indication of a performance packed full of good clean humour. In "Love in Bloom" a large number of very catchy tunes, in addition, makes for two hours of excellent entertainment.

TRAINING GALLOPS

The following ponies were put on a training gallop yesterday and their respective times clocked were:—

	Dis- tance, Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	5th Qr.	6th Qr.	Last Qr.
Humber and Pot-latch	1 1/4	43	1.22.2	2.04.3	2.46	3.23.3	3.57.1	33.3
Lancashire Loom and Midlothian	1 1/4	48	1.27.2	2.07.2	2.43.3	3.19		35.2
Heriot	1 1/4	51	1.42	2.30	3.14.2	3.55.3	4.30.3	35
Merry Jester								
Ballous and Yellow Fish	1	44	1.23.4	1.58.3	2.31.2			33
Celebration Time and Shamrock	1	51.1	1.35.4	2.14.3	2.46.2			31.4
Hellbender and Modern Hero	1 1/4	47	1.31	2.15	2.56.3	3.37	4.11	34
Cassius	1 1/4	53	1.42	2.27	3.11	3.43.3	4.19	30.2
Stopwatch and Rose Evelyn	1 1/4	49	1.46.1	2.32	3.15.3	3.54.3	4.30.2	33.4
Bushbridge and Peter Dayer	1 1/4	50	1.36	2.20.2	3.03	3.41	4.13.2	32.2
Ideal Day and Paymaster	1	39.3	1.17	1.54.4	2.27.2			32.3
Hawthorn	1	41	1.22	1.59.2	2.33.2			34
Ruby Star	3/4	41	1.16.1	1.50				31.4
Fidelity, Judca & Silver Lining	1	41	1.22.1	2.01.2	2.34			32.3
Gay Star and Advancing	1	40.4	1.16.3	1.47.4				31.1
Benerth	1 1/4	53	1.42	2.27	3.11	3.48.3	4.19	30.2
King's Lead and King's Sceptre	1 1/4	44.2	1.28.3	2.08	2.48.4	3.25.2	3.55.3	30.1
Honeymoon Eye and Royal Wedding Eve	1	44	1.20.3	1.51				30.2
Rosemary and Donovan	1 1/4	52		2.13	2.50	3.24.2	3.54.2	30
Laughing Girl	1	42.4	1.16.4	1.51.2	2.22.3			31.1
Royal Consort	1 1/4	49.3	1.33.4	2.15	2.51.4	3.21.4		30
Laughing Buddha	1	41.2	1.20.1	1.57.2	2.28.1			31.4
Estray	1	49.3	1.31.2	2.05.2				34
Royal Highness and Amberley	1 1/4	51.4	1.38.4	2.23.2	3.06.3	3.45	4.14.3	29.3
Zenith, Miracle & Laughing Cavalier	1	50	1.34	2.17	2.51			34
Royal Scot	1 1/4	48	1.27	2.08.4	2.46	3.21.3	3.51	29.2
Ranger	1 1/4	44.3	1.23	1.59.3	2.33.4	3.05.3	3.35.1	28.3
Holiday Eve	1 1/4	37.1	1.11.1	1.46	2.18	2.47.3		29.3
Yo Ho and Blandford	1 1/4	49.3	1.34	2.12.1	2.55.2	3.32.1	4.03	30.4
Strathroy	1	39	1.15	1.57.3	2.26.3			29
Electron	1	45	1.32.4	2.11.3	2.38.4			27.1
Perfect Day	1	37	1.13	1.41.3				28.3
Rippon Tor and Brutus	1 1/4	53.3	1.41	2.25.4	3.08.2	3.50	4.21	31
Able Warrior	1 1/4	37	1.16	1.54.2	2.29.4	3.02		32.1
Moonlight	1 1/4	43	1.25	2.05	2.41.4	3.13		31.1
Centre Court	1 1/4	47		2.11	2.49	3.25.4	3.55.2	29.3
Lancashire Lad	1	41.3	1.17.3	1.50.4	2.20			29.1
Merry Time	1	41.3	1.17.3	1.50.4	2.20			29.1
Hercules	1	29.3	1.12.4	1.44.3	2.14			29.2

"STAR OF MIDNIGHT"

He has to find the real criminal, or face a charge of murder himself. In that situation, William Powell rises to the greatest crime solving heights of his screen career in "Star of Midnight" showing at the Oriental Theatre on Friday and Saturday, a RKO-Radio's thrilling new mystery romance based on the popular story by the late Arthur Somers Roche. In his investigation, Powell is aided by Ginger Rogers, as beautiful an amateur sleuth as ever failed to fool any one with a disguise.

The debonair Powell and the delectable Miss Rogers are teamed for the first time in "Star of Midnight." Powell is seen as a brilliant attorney, Miss Rogers plays a young society beauty who knows a thing or two about getting her man.

"ANNA KARENINA"

Greta Garbo's twentieth picture for the American public, "Anna Karenina," which comes to the Alhambra and King's on Saturday and Sunday, is a masterpiece of the screen.

For this, which also serves as her Tenth Anniversary picture, Greta Garbo has been surrounded by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer with her finest supporting cast, her most superb settings and a story, one of the world's greatest, that has been transferred faithfully from Leo Tolstoy's dramatic classic to the screen.

As Count Vronsky, the dashing young Russian officer who wins Garbo's love and tears her away from her husband (Basil Rathbone) and her little son (Freddie Bartholomew), Frederic March turns in one of his finest performances.

"KID MILLIONS"

Eddie Cantor, bongo-eyed clown who last year envied among char-lots and lions in the Rome of the Caesars, in "Roman Scandals," this season invades the land of the camels and the Pyramids in "Kid Millions," which comes to the Star Theatre to-day.

The comedian's fifth annual screen musical extravaganza, for Samuel Goldwyn introduces him as a black sheep of the Brooklyn waterfront who inherits a fortune in "Paris, Treasure, and Travels" in "Egypt to claim it with Ann Sothern, Ethel Merman, George Murphy, and Black and Sully.

CHILDREN'S PARTY

On H. M. S. Dorsetshire

The Officers of H.M.S. Dorsetshire gave a tea party to the children of their friends yesterday on board the battleship and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent by the many kiddies present.

The benighted cruiser presented a fine spectacle from the harbour and on going aboard one saw the various side-shows such as "Auntie Sally," the "Chute" and many other attractions which kept the kiddies amused all the afternoon.

957,000,000 WENT TO CINEMAS

London, Dec. 18

The cinema, "one of the sociological wonders of the century," attracted 957,000,000 British people—who paid £40,860,000, of which the Government claimed £6,800,000 in Entertainment Duty—last year.

This was revealed by Mr. B. Rowson in a survey of the cinema industry, presented to the Royal Statistical Society in London last night.

The average weekly attendance throughout the year was about 18,500,000, said Mr. Rowson.

At the end of 1934 there were 4,305 cinemas in Great Britain, with an average of 800 seats in each, he said. In the London postal area alone there were 401 cinemas.

Lancashire had the greatest number, with 699, the Midlands were next with 585, and Yorkshire and district third with 534.

North Wales had the smallest number (63) as compared with 250 in South Wales.

Lending romance, "hotcha," and hilarity to the proceedings.

The season's most tuneful song hits are a feature of the new Cantor fun fest. Eddie sings "Okay Toes" and "When My Ship Comes In," both from the pen of Gus Kahn and Walter Donaldson, aided by the new crop of gorgeous Goldwyn Girls.

The first is featured in the elaborate "Harem Number" and the second in the Technicolor Ice Cream Fantasy which closes the film. Eddie also revives "Mandy," the Irving Berlin smash hit which Cantor introduced in the "Ziegfeld Follies" of 1919, in a gorgeous girl and song number staged as part of a ship concert.

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Greta Garbo's Illness



Stockholm, Jan. 7.

News has just leaked out that Greta Garbo, who since last June has been living quietly at her villa in Koping, went through a critical illness in the last six weeks, during which the doctors several times almost gave up hope of saving her life.

The illness began with a sharp inflammation of the throat. The crisis however is now past and the patient has taken a turn for the better. For the time being there is no question of returning to Hollywood.

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GRETA GARBO & FREDRIC MARCH

BELIEF IN CHINA

When Mrs. Owens was a young woman, she said, the men's college did not admit co-eds, and she was not able to attend any of the women's colleges. She taught school for a few years, was married, and then brought up her family of four children, all of whom attended Bucknell University. After they married and left home, she was still living across the street from the university, and had plenty of leisure. She entered Bucknell as a freshman, and was graduated. She is now doing graduate work in sociology.

"I have been asked to talk to you like a grandmother," she continued. "When you get out of school, and when you have learned a lot more than a great many of the people where your home is, if you have learned anything worth while, be sure that you tell the ones at home and be sure that the community has the advantage of your education. Do not aim at being rich or great, but aim at what you can do for your fellow men; aim at what you can do for your country. I believe China is going to be the great nation of the future, and you young people are the ones that are going to make it so. It depends upon what you do for China that will make it great."—M.O.N.

OLDEST "CO-ED." SPEAKS

MRS. OWENS, 70, ADDRESSES COLLEGE STUDENTS

"Advice from Elders"

Shanghai, Jan. 4.

Following the Chinese custom of receiving advice from their elders at New Year time, Mrs. Wm. G. Owens, the oldest co-ed at the University of Shanghai, and so the "grandmother" of the university, was invited to speak to the students at their assembly on Friday morning. Mrs. Owens is studying sociology in the University of Shanghai. She is the wife of Dr. Wm. G. Owens, retired professor from Bucknell University who is now teaching chemistry at the University of Shanghai.

"I am so glad you do not have to wait until you are 70 like I did to get your college education," Mrs. Owens said, "because you are needed right now. When you get through college, do not feel that your education is over because you are going to have something to learn every year of your lives, and your education can keep right on until you are as old as I am or as long as you live."

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Around the Courts

As a result of the fracas which took place at Hells Wharf last Saturday afternoon, fourteen coolies appeared on remand before E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, and were charged with behaving in a disorderly manner by fighting.

Three other of the defendants are still in hospital. Mr. W. A. Mackinley of Messrs. Deacons, appeared for the first eight defendants, who are coolies employed by the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. The others were not represented.

Det. Sub-Inspector L. Whant stated that the first three defendants were still in hospital and would not leave till to-day, and in the case of the second defendant the police were waiting for the result of the x-ray examination as it was possible that his right arm might be broken.

On the application of Mr. Mackinley, the afternoon of January 16 was fixed for hearing, and bail in the sum of \$25 each was allowed to all defendants.

Arrested on information, Cheung Yuk, 27, unemployed, was charged before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, with the theft of a radiator cap from private car No. 720, and was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Detective-Sergeant Riddell stated that defendant was arrested with the radiator cap in his pocket, and he told the police that he had found it in a rubbish heap. Enquiries revealed that it had been taken from private car No. 720 belonging to Mr. D. G. Cairns, who had left his car outside his residence at No. 10 Carnarvon Road.

Stating that there was no unlawful intent and that it may have brightened the lives of the patient, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones discharged Wong Ping-ye, 22, juggler, with a caution, when he appeared on a charge of trespassing at Whiffle Barracks on Sunday.

Sergeant Hill, R.A.M.C., stated that the defendant was arrested near the hospital. Many little things had been missing from the wards, and unauthorised people entering the premises made their jobs difficult. Detective-Sergeant Riddell prosecuted.

Two unemployed seamen, Wong Fuk-lam and Lau Kee, appeared before Mr. Macfadyen at the Central Police Court yesterday, charged with fighting in Queen Victoria Street. They stated this trouble started as a joke. Inspector K. W. Andrew said it was by no means a joke. The defendants had a stand-up fight with their fists and a large crowd gathered. Lau Kee was bleeding at the time. The fight was over money trouble. The defendants were bound over to keep the peace.

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, on Lau Yu, unemployed, who admitted a charge of possession of a dagger without a licence from the I.G.P. at High Street. Detective Sergeant Kinney stated that the dagger was wrapped up in a piece of paper and concealed in the defendant's girdle. Defendant stated he brought the dagger from Canton, where he had used it to sharpen pencils.

Li Leung, unemployed, was fined \$25, or one month's hard labour, by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, for stealing six pounds of lead from Taikeo Dockyard.

Appearing before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of theft of a handbag from Wong So, married woman, at Queen's Road West, near Wilmer Street, on Sunday night, Ng Tak, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and ordered to receive 15 strokes of the birch, and, if found unfit to serve, another two months' hard labour in addition. It was stated by Detective Sergeant Kinney that complainant was walking with her young daughter when the defendant came from behind her and snatched the bag, the strap of which was broken. Defendant was arrested by a district watchman.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., of 449 The Peak, was fined \$5 by Mr. Macfadyen at the Central Magistracy yesterday when he pleaded guilty through a representative to a summons for allowing his dog abroad unlicensed and unleashed.

In Middle Gap Road on December 18, Sub-Inspector McEwen prosecuted.

Cheung Wo, unemployed, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, on a charge of theft of 22 panes of glass from the second floor of No. 7 Burrow Street, on January 6. Sub-Inspector Langley stated that defendant gained admittance to the floor by breaking open a lock. He used a screw-driver to get the panes of glass out of the windows. Defendant admitted a previous conviction for theft.

A 50-year-old unemployed gardener, Chan Kam, was charged before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with assaulting Choi Kan and Chan Ching with others unknown at No. 506 Canton Road, second floor, with intent to rob, last Monday. On the application of Detective-Sub-Inspector R. Cunningham, defendant was remanded for 48 hours in police custody.

Yau Pak Chuen of No. 14 Des Voeux Road West was brought before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday summoned on four counts for evading duty by issuing separate receipts and was fined \$100 in all. Defendant denied the summons saying that the money was paid to him in parts, some in the morning and some in the afternoon of the same day. These monies were paid by the Tung Shing Firm of No. 12 Waterloo Road at different times.

Detective-Sergeant Whitcroft, of the Colonial Treasury, stated that in each case the money was paid in lump sums, but separate entries were made in the book and different receipts issued.

It was alleged that defendant received sums of \$33.18 on January 3, 1935; \$33.24 on March 27, 1935; \$33.24 on April 4, 1935, and \$29.40 on April 21, 1935, from the same firm, and in each instance two separate receipts were issued. Evidence was heard and a fine of \$25 was imposed on each summons.

Wong Fai, Chung Siu Wah, Wong Yu Wah, and two women Ho Ying and To Wai Ching were charged before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Central Magistracy yesterday with conspiracy to defraud by pretending that they could make bank notes of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. The amount involved was in the neighbourhood of about \$20,000.

Wong Fai was additionally charged that on or before May 15, 1933, he stole, by means of a trick, \$21,500 from one Tam Lin.

Detective Inspector M. Murphy, applying for a week's remand, stated that the accused were arrested together in a room in the Hotel Cecil.

Mr. C. E. R. Sanderson appeared for all the defendants.

Wong Fai and Chung Siu Wah, who pleaded guilty at the previous appearance, were remanded in custody, while the remainder were admitted to bail of \$500 each.

COOK AND AMAH

Allegations Of Indecent Assault

The Chinese cook of No. 12, Kennedy Road, was the defendant in an indecent assault case which was heard at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when an amah of the same address brought in a charge of attempted assault on three occasions, namely January 1, 2 and 3.

The case was heard by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen; the complainant being Lau Mai, a married woman, 29 years of age, employed, as an amah, while the accused was Liu Wai Chuen, a cook, 41 years of age.

Detective Sergeant Shepherd, who was in charge of the case for the prosecution, stated that on the first date in question defendant embraced the complainant. On the following day he kissed her and made improper suggestions, while the assault for which defendant was now charged was alleged to have taken place on January 3.

Defendant was said to have told the complainant that if she were not friendly to him she would be dismissed from her present employment.

Later complainant visited a doctor who stated that there was no

ALLEGED PLOT TO KILL

SEQUEL TO ATTEMPT ON WANG CHING WEI'S LIFE

Extradition Proceeding

Extradition proceedings were continued at the Central Magistracy yesterday against Yu Lap Fui, late of Nanking who was charged with conspiracy to murder one Wang Ching Wei, President of the Executive Yuan, of the Nanjing Central Government on November 1 within the Republic of China.

Mr. W. Schofield heard the case. Mr. D. L. Strellet of Messrs. G. K. Hall Brutton & Co. appeared for the Crown, while Mr. Peter H. Sin was for the fugitive.

Evidence of identification was continued when the principle witness for the Crown, occupied the witness box for the major part of the proceedings. He stated that his name was Ching Yick Chuen, that he was a native of An Hui, and that he had arrived in Hong Kong in connection with this case on November 19, from Nanking. Ordinarily he resided for the most part in Shanghai.

SEVERAL ALIASES

Witness stated that he knew the fugitive under several aliases such as Yu Lap Fui, Lee Chi On, and Lee Shek Kee. He first met him in Shanghai. The fugitive, according to the witness, was then a military officer—a colonel, of a regiment, the name of which he was not sure. They both met rather frequently in Shanghai, when the witness was known to witness as Yu Lee Kwai. "I first came to Hong Kong during 1924 for three months," witness added.

Mr. Strellet:—During this period, did you ever meet the fugitive in Hong Kong?—Yes, I did. We met at No. 210 Hennessy Road, in a tailor's shop.

Mr. Strellet:—Did he live there?

—No.

Mr. Strellet:—Did you know where he lived?—Yes, at No. 10 Wing King Street, Whitehall Road. I also met him in the house on another occasion.

Mr. Strellet:—When was it you first heard him call Lee Chi On?

—During the summer of 1934, during the period when I was first in Hong Kong.

Witness added that this name was used by the fugitive in his correspondence. While he was at No. 10 Wing King Street he saw letters addressed to the fugitive by that name and he personally called him by that name.

STAYING WITH WIFE

While at Wing King Street, the fugitive resided there with his wife. Witness, during this period, did not call on them very frequently, and as far as he could recall, he had only called on them about five or six times during the whole of his stay in Hong Kong.

Mr. Strellet:—Did fugitive often come to this house (at Kowloon)?

—Yes, we have also met in another house in Kowloon. Witness then said he left Hong Kong for Shanghai in September returning to the Colony on January 12, 1935, where he remained until May 10, 1935. On an average, witness stated, he saw the fugitive two or three times a week. The last occasion when he saw the fugitive (before the latter's arrest) was on April 26, last year. The fugitive was then at No. 10 Wing King Street.

After his return to the Colony on November 19, witness saw the fugitive three days later. On the morning of November 21, the police paid a visit to his rooms at the hotel. They returned later in the evening and brought witness to the first floor of the Lee Theatre, overlooking some houses just opposite the road.

VIGIL KEPT

An interpreter was with them, as witness could not speak the Cantonese dialect. After a wait for some fifteen minutes, witness said, that he saw the fugitive emerge from a room to the verandah. "I pointed him out and said that he was the man."

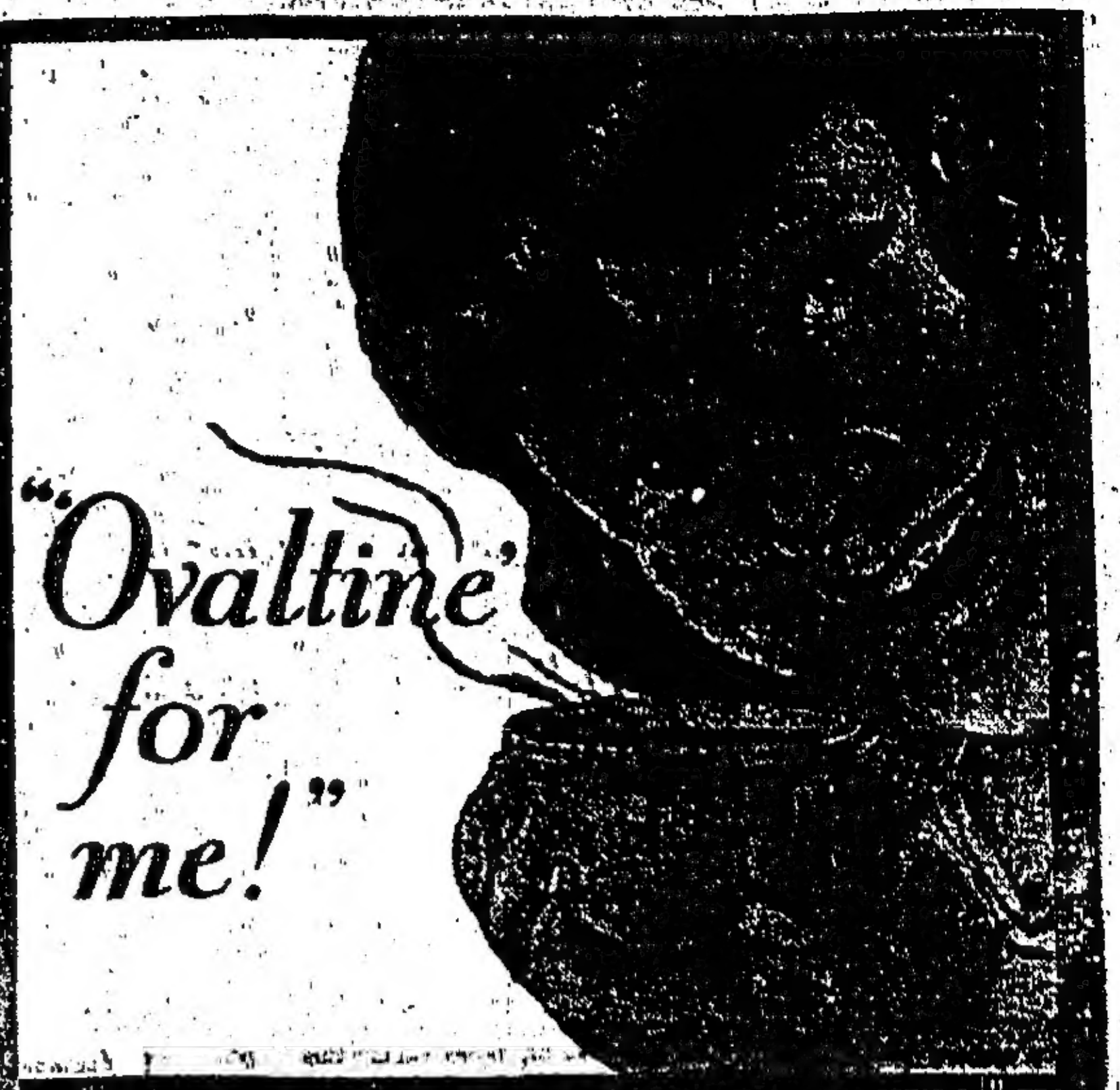
Witness, when questioned, agreed that it was quite dark at the time, but the rooms adjoining the verandah were lighted when the fugitive came out. There were three or four other persons present, one of whom was also known to witness. The case was adjourned following further evidence.

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DEATH DUTY ISSUE

SIR PAUL CHATER'S ESTATE TO HIS WIFE

Before Full Court Of Appeal

The full court of appeal consisting of the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice E. E. Lindsay and the Acting Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice J. J. Hayden, sat yesterday morning to hear an appeal brought by the trustees of the late Sir Paul Chater, the Hon. Sir William Shenton, and Mr. M. H. Turner, against the decision of His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor in holding that the estate which was left to the late Lady Chater which upon her death was subject to death duty.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara instructed by the Hon. Sir William Shenton, is for the appellants, and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. T. M. Hazlerick, the Crown Solicitor, represents the Estate Duty Commissioner, the respondent.

Mr. Macnamara, in his opening statement said that the facts were not disputed and were agreed by both parties. The trustees who were the legal owners of property mentioned in the will of the late Sir Paul Chater are bringing the appeal. They have no mercenary interests in the action, except that it was in their duty to protect the interests of the beneficiaries.

A SETTLEMENT OR NOT? In his judgment, the Chief Justice had held that duty was payable on the estate, following the death of Lady Chater. Counsel submitted that this should not have been the case, as Sir Paul Chater had already made a settlement on his wife by virtue of the fact that he had left her an annuity of \$10,000. Furthermore, under the clauses of the will, Lady Chater could not touch the capital in any shape or form, although she was entitled to an interest in the estate of her husband. The whole question centered around whether Lady Chater's interest in the estate amounted to a settlement or not.

The salient point of his argument, counsel continued, was that upon the death of Lady Chater the annuity ceased automatically, but there was another consequence, namely, that she was interested in the residuary estate of her husband and upon her death that interest did not disappear but was transferred in this case to the late Lady Chater as stipulated in the will.

Counsel contended that he had never heard that a settlement was not a settlement, and if one was to depend upon a perfectly sound rule then the will was not a will at all. In conclusion, he asked their Lordships to reverse the decision of the learned judge, and stated that the question of interest will come up for arguments should the appellants find the present decision in their favour.

As the appeal was adjourned till this morning when Mr. Eldon Potter will address their Lordships on behalf of the Crown.

TWO POINTS FOR ARGUMENTS

Counsel then submitted two points in his arguments—the first was in point of fact a settlement but it did not matter in the least whether any fund was set aside for it or not and secondly that in any case the Court would act on the maxim that equity regarded as done what ought to be done. Authorities were then quoted by Mr. Macnamara in support of these two points, who further said that by reading carefully of the will, precise instructions to the trustees directed that investments should be set aside, a number of other annuities were given as well as other gifts, but by Clause 6 the whole of the estate was given to the trustees. Counsel then mentioned residual gifts and stated that looking at the frame work of the will there was an operative clause which dealt with substantial gifts whereas Clause 13 was merely a piece of machinery which may be set aside. The effect of Clause 13 had the same effect in allowing the trustees to postpone the realisation of the investments to such times as regards the estate management, and according to the Chief Justice (Sir Atholl MacGregor)

THE PARINGA DISASTER

WILL AN INQUIRY BE HELD?

Pitiable And Deplorable Conditions Revealed

The loss of the Paringa, and with it the lives of three sterling Britons, is causing much caustic comment in shipping circles. From enquiries made by a "Daily Press" representative yesterday, some very deplorable conditions prevailing in local shipping were brought to light. It is clear that unless wider power is given to the China Coast Officers Guild, and Marine Engineers Guild of China, some of the owners of vessels not flying the British flag will continue to take advantage of those officers who are badly in need of employment.

It was revealed that had such power been invested in the two Guilds mentioned, these three unfortunate men would not have been allowed to take on their respective jobs on the Paringa. It was foreseen at the time that the work was most perilous; in fact it amounted to suicide, but through-out, no blame whatsoever could be attributed to the three men who knowingly risked their lives so that they need not be dependent on charity.

UNDER-MANNED

The three officers were engaged in Hong Kong by the representative, or the manager of the owner of the Paringa which was then at Shanghai. They were given only two Chinese to assist in the work of towing the Vinca to Australia. Even to a layman it could be seen that the Paringa was hopelessly under-manned for a task of that dimension. It must also be understood that the two Chinese were not competent navigators. They held no such certificates, and the only documents they had were a testimonial of service. It would therefore be expecting too much of them to be of any use to the European officers in an emergency. Furthermore the Vinca was a much bigger vessel than the Paringa and was without steam and had to be steered by hand. And there were no officers on board the Vinca.

MUTUAL PROTECTION

How and by what means the Paringa was allowed to leave with such a personnel is best known to those who had actually charge of the business. Until and unless the centralised power is given to the Guilds to permit, or to refuse any officers to serve on a vessel, there is nothing to prevent a recurrence of this ghastly disaster. If such power were given, the Guilds could satisfy themselves first as to the conditions and comparative safety under which the men would have to work, before allowing them to take on a job. This is protection for the men, but there is also protection to the owners, because the Guilds would assuredly recommend men most fitted for the job and men of sterling character.

Agitation is being made for an enquiry to be made into the circumstances under which the three unfortunate men were engaged, but we learned that an official enquiry would not be likely. In the first place the Paringa did not leave the Hong Kong harbour. Although the men were engaged here, they served on a ship which did not fly the British flag. All the local Harbour authority could do is to call a private enquiry, and invite the manager of the Paringa, whose office is in Hong Kong, to state his case and to give his reason why a larger crew had not been engaged. If such information is forthcoming it would be most valuable, and might help much to improve shipping conditions materially in so far as vessels flying non-British flag are concerned.

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FOOTPADS ROB CHINESE LADY

THIRD DEGREE ALLEGATIONS MADE

Victim Commended By Magistrate

Appearing before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday charged with the participation in an armed robbery on Miss Susie Tam, splinter, Inspector of the Society for the Protection of Children, and for the possession of arms, Chung San, alias Tsang Fong was committed to trial at the next criminal sessions.

Miss Susie Tam in the witness box stated that on the 8th of November last year, she was walking towards Kowloon Tong Village, having arranged to meet her fook (office boy) at the corner of the Polo ground. Having met the fook they proceeded together towards the village with the latter walking a little ahead. When nearing the Portuguese garden she heard a voice behind saying in Chinese, "Go nearer to her, do not be afraid." Turning she saw two men in close attendance. The taller of the two was walking close behind the smaller and held a pistol which was pointed at her. Witness being frightened, threw her hand-bag to the ground and it was picked up by the smaller of the two who put it under his coat.

Among the contents of the purse was a nursing dictionary inscribed with her name, a black note-book, a green fountain pen and a powder box, also inscribed.

ONE SHOT FIRED

The armed men then walked towards the village, and witness shouted to her fook that she had been robbed. The fook turned round but the men hearing the shouts also turned around and pointed the gun at them and some bystanders told them not to move. Witness suggested to her fook that they should follow the men as the gun might not be loaded. This suggestion proved false when the man holding the gun fired. Witness was terrified and she and the fook ran across the fields towards Prince Edward Road where they met Sergeant Paton, a traffic officer to whom they made their report.

Sergeant Paton went to the Police Training School and Sgt. Sykes took some men and proceeded to the scene of the crime to conduct a search. Near the Village, Sgt. Sykes picked up the papers which had been thrown from the hand-bag and after searching the surrounding hills, went to the Shamshipo Police Station where he handed the papers over to Sergeant Goodwin. Sergeant Goodwin on the morning after the robbery made a search of the hills near No. 3A, Camphor plantation and there found the hand-bag, which was later identified by the complainant.

IDENTIFIED

On December 20, an identification parade was held at the Yau-mai Police station by Mr. Wilson, A.S.P., at which witness and her fook, Chan Kuen, were present. Miss Tam, out of the men paraded for identification, picked out the defendant and though she was not sure of his front view, she was definite on the fact that the back view was that of the shorter of the two men that attacked her.

Referring to the charge the defendant said: "It is a lie. I didn't do it. It is a case of mistaken identity. I am accused of robbery but what proof have you? Nothing was found on me?"

Chan Kuen in the witness box gave evidence corroborating that of last witness. But he admitted that he could not identify any of the men at the identification parade.

Evidence of arrest was given by a Chinese constable.

Detective Sub-Inspector Cunningham stated that on Dec. 22, he and the defendant and two other men went to the scene of the robbery and made a search of the surrounding district. They climbed to the top of a hill where the defendant said he had thrown away an empty cartridge case but upon a search being made no such case was found.

The defendant here stated that he had been locked into the admission of this fact by the alleged harsh treatment of the police, and it was to stop their blows that he gave out this fact which he stated to be a truth a lie.

Ts. Yuk Ching, interpreter of the

St. John Ambulance Brigade

RALPH'S SHIELD COMPETITION

The Annual Competition for the award of the Ralph's Shield has been arranged for Sunday, Jan. 12th, and Jan. 19th, on the Open Naval Ground opposite Headquarters.

Divisions will "fall in" under the command of their respective officers at 9.30 a.m. and be ready to receive the Inspecting Officers at 10 a.m.

The order in which Divisions take part will be "drawn" on the Ground.

The conditions regulating the Competition remain the same as in previous years, save that the minimum number of men representing a division must be not less than 70 per cent. of the efficient strength of the division.

A larger proportion may be entered for the Company and Stretcher Drill if considered desirable by the Divisional Officer.

Dr. W. B. A. Moore, O.B.E. (Serving Brother of the Venerable Order of St. John and District Surgeon) has arranged for the necessary examiners.

Arrangements for the "Mok Cho Chuen Trophy" will be made on the completion of the Ralph's Shield competition.

Friends, Vice-Patrons and others interested in the work of the Brigade are invited to witness the proceedings.

ANNUAL INSPECTION

His Excellency, The Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, C.M.G., C.B.E., has kindly promised to conduct the Annual Inspection, the date of which will be announced later.

EXHIBITION OF WATER COLOURS

Interior Scenes And Old Paintings

Mr. W. N. Wong, a well-known Chinese artist, is holding an exhibition of water colours of Chinese interior scenes as well as of old Chinese paintings. The exhibition commences on the 10th of January for four days and will be held on the 2nd Floor of No. 6 Queen's Road Central—in the office formerly occupied by The China Travel Service.

Mr. Wong has just arrived from Canton where his exhibition was very well attended. He intends to visit Germany after a short stay here. The Exhibition will be opened from 10 o'clock in the morning till 8 in the evening.

C.I.D. office, then gave evidence in regard to the statement made by the defendant, which was that he "did rob her."

"ALL LIES"

Defendant: "It is a lie—I had to tell it. I was holding a pen and said that I did not do it, and being surrounded by police, I was struck."

The defendant then took the stand and stated that on Dec. 8, he was in Shum Chun and there received a letter from a friend asking him to come to Hong Kong where he would be repaid some money that was owing to him. On arrival at Kowloon he was told to return to Shum Chun and see a mutual friend there. This mutual friend had given him the revolver and \$20 and asked him to bring it to Hong Kong. This he did and at a later meeting with the first friend he was arrested at the Kowloon Chuen cold drink shop. This friend had told him to keep the pistol until he had a place to keep it.

Detective Inspector Cunningham then gave evidence as to the finding of the revolver by the police at No. 3, Tung On Street, the place where the defendant was staying. It was in a basket under the bed, wrapped up in a piece of cloth.

Sergeant Scott then gave the results of his examination of the revolver and stated that it was a .33, five-chambered American make and that the interior of the barrel had powder residue about one month old. It was rusty but quite capable of being fired.

The defendant then related his statement that he had brought this gun for someone else from Shum Chun.

At the conclusion of Miss Tam's evidence, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones commended her on her pluck.

SECRET DIARY OF DOCTOR

DEAD MAN WHO KNEW "JACK THE RIPPER"

Interest In Crime

"I knew Jack the Ripper," I know why he committed the Whitechapel murders."

This dramatic revelation in a secret diary of Dr. Thomas Dutton, the eighty-year-old specialist who was found dead at his house in Shepherd's Bush last month, was disclosed by a woman who for years had been one of his few patients.

Miss Hermione Dudley, friend and patient of the doctor, told the story of his "passionate interest in crime" when interviewed at a Bays-water boarding house.

"I knew the doctor when I was quite a young girl," she said, "he was then at the height of his manner of diseases."

"But it was as a criminologist that he revealed most of his outstanding genius."

"By far the most interesting document he compiled was his 'Chronicle of Crime,' three volumes of handwritten comments on all the chief crimes of the past sixty years."

"My father was one of the few men to whom he showed this document, and owing to my own interest in it, Dr. Dutton gave it to me some time ago."

Miss Dudley described some of the remarkable entries in these crime diaries. "In the first volume there are several pages devoted to the notorious Whitechapel murders—the series of 'macabre murders' of women during the autumn of 1888."

"I am certain that the doctor assisted with the post mortems on the 'Jack the Ripper' victims. His diary makes this quite clear."

"Often he told me, and he repeats it in his diary—that he knew the identity of 'Jack the Ripper.'"

"He described him as a middle-aged doctor, a man whose mind had been embittered by the death of his son."

"The latter had suffered cruelly at the hands of a woman of the streets, and the father believed this to be the cause of his brilliant son's death."

"For months, after his son's death, the father roamed the streets of the East End, where he had been told this particular woman was to be found."

"Dr. Dutton did his best to persuade his colleague that the nature of his son's death was best forgotten, but for a while this embittered man disappeared completely."

LOCAL CHINESE CHAMBER HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING

Routine Matter Discussed

The monthly committee meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce was held at the Chamber's Headquarters yesterday afternoon, when owing to the indisposition of the Chairman, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Li Sing Kuei, took the chair. He was supported by Mr. Au Chak Sam, Hon. Treasurer and Mr. Chan Ping Au, Hon. Secretary.

Other members present were Messrs. Ho Wing, Gock Chan, Lai Yam Shuen, Kwan Wan Pak, Tang Chi Cheong, Chiu Kwok Hing, Chiu Chiu Fan, Chow Sing Chi, Lai King Chung, Lee Yiu Tong, Yeung Shuen Po, Chan Kim Tong, Lau Yuk Wan, Fung Ping Fan, Cheung Lan Chow, Dr. Lee Ping Sum and some representatives of various business associations and guilds.

After the accounts had been passed, the Secretary told the meeting that a letter had recently been received from the staff of the Chamber's Library applying for an allowance for the improvement and enlargement of the Library, which was approved by the Committee.

With regard to the exhibits sent by the local Chinese manufacturers to the Halphong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce for the Industrial Goods Exhibition, it was decided that after the exhibition, such exhibits should be all presented to the Chamber for exhibition, so as to help in pushing the sale of home-made goods.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Secretary announced that during the last few weeks several new members from the different firms and manufacturers had applied to the Chamber for membership. The applications were passed unanimously by those who were present.

TRIBUTE TO LADY SMITH

L.D. CONFERRED IN ABERDEEN

Lord Meston's Praise Of "Full Career"

London, Dec. 17.

Lady Adam Smith was accorded an enthusiastic reception from the students of Aberdeen University when she received the honorary degree of L.D. at a special graduation ceremony in the Mitchell Hall of the University last night.

Sir George Adam Smith was present, and saw the highest honour of the University, of which he was Principal for over 26 years, conferred upon his wife.

Lady Adam Smith is the fourth woman to receive the honour from the University, the others being the Queen, Isabel Marchioness of Aberdeen, and Mrs. Trull, Aberdeen.

GLOWING PRAISE OF SERVICES

Lord Meston of Agra and Dunottar, the Chancellor of the University, presided at the ceremony, and Lady Adam Smith was presented for laureation by Professor T. M. Taylor, Dean of the Faculty of Law, who paid a glowing tribute to her services to the University and the city.

Lord Meston said that, taken in all its circumstances, the ceremony was without precedent in the annals of their University. It would be rare in the story of any University. They had been consoled to do honour—the highest honour in their gift—to a great lady.

It was not merely, or even mainly, as adjutant to the Principal, that they honoured Lady Adam Smith. Nor was it wholly for her gift of radiating friendship or for the boundless and gracious hospitality of her home. Her public career was, and had been, rich and full.

Lady Adam Smith said that they had overwhelmed her by the kindness of their welcome. She only wished that instead of losing them she was just beginning her 25 years among them.

At the close of the graduation ceremony Sir George and Lady Adam Smith were presented with gifts by the students of the University.

MR. A. J. PEPPER

A Noted Medical Jurist

London, Jan. 19.

Mr. Augustus Joseph Pepper, F.R.C.S., a noted medical jurist, and authority on surgical pathology, has died at his home at Slidcup, Kent, at the age of 88.

At University College Hospital he had a distinguished career, obtaining an exhibition and gold medals in anatomy, physiology, therapy at the first London M.B. examination, and graduating M.B. and B.S. London, with a scholarship and a gold medal in medicine, surgery, and forensic medicine, and a gold medal in obstetric medicine, in 1876. He was elected F.R.C.S. Eng. in the same year. He was surgical registrar and demonstrator of anatomy at University College, of which he was a Fellow, and became consulting surgeon to St. Mary's Hospital. He was a member of the Harveian Society and a corresponding member of the New York Medical-Legal Society. His book, "Surgical Pathology," reached a fourth edition.

Apart from his brilliant work in pathology and as a teacher, Pepper was chiefly known as a medical jurist, and he was largely responsible for the raising of medical work to its present high level in this country. He acted as pathologist to the Home Office, having been appointed in the nineties of the last century. He retired from surgical practice and medico-legal work in 1910. He was called in for the Grimes case, in which Sir Bernard Spilsbury, Sir William Wilson, and Dr. A. P. Luff assisted him. He was also a witness in the Druce case, in which the famous claim was advanced that the late Duke of Portland and Mr. Pryce, of the Baker Street Bazaar, were one and the same person. Another of the many famous cases in which he was engaged was the Most Farm mystery. The murdered woman was buried in a garden for two or three years, but ultimately the body was found and the murderer was convicted. Mr. Pepper was widely read and an excellent speaker.



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HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

RUGBY INTERPORT.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction, to be held on MONDAY, the 13th DAY of JANUARY, 1936, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Kau Lung Tsai, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1936 with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty's Lands, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the purchaser will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, \$200.00 in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Rent	Upset Price
1	No. 2479	New Kowloon Island	As per plan	About 10,000	190	\$240
2	No. 2480	Adjoining New Kowloon Island	As per plan	About 10,000	190	\$240

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SOVIET OFFICIAL ARRESTED

(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received, January 8, 4.30 p.m.)

Prague, Jan. 8.
The 35-year-old official of the Soviet Russian legation here, Alexander Kosomoff, who on November 27, 1935 was reported by Transocean to have robbed the legation by taking a large sum of money and other important documents, was arrested at Hirschberg Spa and he will be taken to the Roumanian frontier and thence to the Soviet Russian frontier where he will be taken into Soviet custody.

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HAUPTMANN EXECUTION DATE FIXED

Receives News With Smile

Trenton, Jan. 8.
The execution of Bruno Hauptmann has been fixed for 8 p.m. on January 17. When told the news, Hauptmann merely smiled and shrugged his shoulders. Later he expressed the conviction that he would not go to the electric chair. Hauptmann's lawyers declare that the fixing of the date of execution does not preclude the possibility of the Court of Pardons exercising the right to clemency.

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THE LOSS OF THE PARINGA

The loss of the Paringa once again brings forth the question as to why Hong Kong cannot bring itself into step with Singapore. There is no denying the fact that conditions, insofar as they apply to River shipping, are so deplorable that stern measures must be taken immediately to prevent owners of vessels from exploiting the officers and engineers who are driven by stress of circumstances to accept the first job they can get.

We need no evidence to substantiate our statement that masters, officers and engineers serving in certain sections of the vessels plying between Hong Kong and West River ports are deplorably underpaid, and very often have to work under conditions which no self-respecting Briton would tolerate. But what could be done? It is a Hobson's Choice. Take it under any conditions or starve in the gutter.

There is, however, a remedy—one which would react to the benefit of the owners as well. It behoves the local Government to empower the China Coast Officers and Marine Engineers Guilds to allow or refuse all ranks from serving on a ship, until they have satisfied themselves that conditions were such as would help to promote the best of relationship between employers and employees.

There are at present too many steamers, although registered in Hong Kong for passenger traffic, but not flying the British flag, who tramp under their feet the best traditions of the Mercantile Marine. This is to be deplored. We realize that times are hard and few vessels, if any, are operated on a profitable scale. But if a steamer is to be in operation and with safety to passengers and crew, the owner must realize that he has to assume his full share of the responsibility; one of which is to have a full complement of experienced and qualified officers of all ranks in accordance with International Shipping Law. He cannot cast his eyes on the credit side of his ledger all the time.

A movement for the improvement of conditions was started by the Guilds as far back as May 1933, and from the latest reports to hand, it must be admitted that much good work has been achieved. The work done did not only confine to the betterment of conditions and higher wages for the officers and engineers, but it also embodied the weeding out of habitual drunkards and unemployables; most of whom have since been repatriated. The latter should be appreciated by owners of vessels, and it clearly indicates that the Guilds have just as much of their interest at heart as they have for the employees.

We understand that in Singapore the Guilds have full power to sign on or refuse to sign on any officer, and this power is being used to the mutual benefit of the owners as well as to the employees. It may be argued that such extensive power vested in any one body is dangerous. That may be true, but we have not been given any instance of the Guilds being too arbitrary or aristocratic in their dealings with steamship owners. Evidences to the contrary have been plentiful and we think that all responsible companies would sooner have men from the Guilds than to pick them up, here and there.

And as far we know there is no complaint from the men serving on vessels flying the British flag. On the other hand trouble is incessant on ships of foreign registry, but plying between Hong Kong and the West River ports. The conditions prevalent, aboard some of these ships are scandalous and the masters and officers have no authority. They may have to accept the dictates of a compradore or else lose an ill paid job.

The loss of the Paringa brought death to five men, three of men were Britons, and if we respect the best traditions of the Mercantile Fleet, we should move in one body to bring about better conditions for the men afloat on vessels of that calibre.

ANGLO-FRENCH CO-OPERATION

Military Chiefs In Conference

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Paris, January 8.
French military quarters refuse to give out any news regarding the conferences between the British and French general staffs and merely state that the recent parity constituted only "normal exchange of views between experts of the two countries on friendly terms with each other."

The French Foreign Office spokesman, in a statement before pressmen, declared that the French and British Governments are at present negotiating the possibilities for co-operation in accordance with paragraph three of Article 16 of the League Covenant which aims at giving mutual assistance against an aggressor.

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NAVY HEADS AT WORK

Paris, January 7.
Both the First and Second Squadrons of the French Fleet will be cruising in the Mediterranean when the League Committee of Eighteen meets on January 20. The first squadron will be manoeuvring off Provence and Corsica, and the second off Barcelona.

These movements are believed to be the sequel to the repeated French promises to aid the British in the Mediterranean in the event of an Italian attack.

Meanwhile an important meeting of the naval commanders of the second squadron begins at Brest to-day. They will carry out on paper manoeuvres calculated to crush an enemy attack.

It is believed the naval officers will especially consider the tactics to be adopted in the event of a surprise attack by Italy before the Squadron leaves for Barcelona on January 14.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

To Cover All Three Services

London, Jan. 8.
Speaking at Cambridge last night, Lord Monsell, secretary for Air, discussed the proposal for setting up a Ministry of Defence to cover all three Services. He said he had at times been quickly attracted by the idea, but did not believe it practical to-day. The job was too big for any one man.

Referring to collective security Lord Monsell declared himself a supporter of it, but emphasised that action must be collective. "Everybody must not only be willing to play their part, but the whole world must know that those who are in the scheme of collective security will play their part. If not you get rushed into action which is not collective action but isolated danger."

"Further, we must not only have the will we must also have the means to play our part. It is going to cost money, but the premium is worth while—tremendously worth while—because it is a premium of peace."

British Wireless.

FRANCO-ITALIAN TREATY

Bitter Comment On Anniversary

Milan, Jan. 8.
The first anniversary of the Franco-Italian treaty concluded on the occasion of M. Laval's visit to Rome last January calls forth bitter comments in the Italian press. "Gazzetta del Popolo" remarking that France who has promised to co-operate extensively with Italy in colonial domain is now of the 52 sanction states, while "Corriere della Sera" evokes the memory of Versailles where, according to the paper, French statesmen strained every effort to prevent Italy from obtaining a share of the colonial booty.

Despite all disappointment the latter paper goes on to say, "Italy nevertheless continues to adhere to the agreements with France."

AMNESTY IN AUSTRIA

Socialists Regain Liberty

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Vienna, Jan. 8.
Nineteen out of the 21 members of the former Socialist Party management who are awaiting trial for alleged incitement to high treason in connection with the insurrection of February 19, 1934 were granted amnesties by the State President according to an official notice issued on Tuesday night. The punitive process which had been going on has been dropped.

The Socialist Party ex-chairman, the former Mayor of Vienna, Karl Seitz, was not among those who received the amnesty nor the ex-deputy, Rosa Jochmann, who remained in hiding for six months after February 12, 1934 and during this time continued directing secret propaganda against the Government. Both the latter, however, have been set at liberty.

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CHRISTIANS IN RUSSIA

Outcry Against Persecution

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Rotterdam, Jan. 8.
A moving description of the suffering endured by clergy of all Christian denominations in Soviet Russia was made at a meeting here organised by "The International Churches for the Defence of Morals and Religion against Bolshevism" which was also attended by numerous diplomats.

The meeting approved of the memorandum which had been dispatched to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, M. Avenol, and which after exposing anti-Christian persecutions systematically carried on by Soviet Russia, demands immediate abolition of these conditions.

The memorandum stresses the fact that the Soviet Union now belongs to the League, and goes on to express the hope that at least one member state may be found willing to place a protest by the Union of Churches on the League Council's altar on a day conformably with the League's statutes.

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HEAVY DAMAGE IN FRANCE

More Threats By Floods

Paris, January 8.
Many thousands of pounds worth of damage was caused at Nantes and neighbourhood as a result of the flooding of the Loire.

Extraordinary scenes were witnessed at Nantes where people in boats and canoes appeared in the main streets, while peasants in the fields carried hens, pigs and dogs to safety in their arms.

The waters of the Loire are invading the business and residential quarters of the town and threatening heavy damage.

Shipping on the Seine at Paris is expected to return to normal to-day owing to the fall of flood waters, but workmen are still busily rescuing merchandise from the flooded banks of the river.

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KING LEOPOLD

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Brussels, Jan. 7.
King Leopold, returned from London on Tuesday night.

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Chen Ping, an engine driver at Shing Mun Valley, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital on Sunday with injuries caused when he was struck by a piece of flying rock during blasting operations.

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GERMAN CRUISER TO VISIT COLONY

The Karlsruhe On Training Cruise

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NEWS SUMMARY

The trial game of "Whites" v. "Colours" in preparation for the forthcoming New Zealand Universities rugby fifteen, was held on the Valley ground yesterday, resulting in a tie, two touch downs all (6 points). The game was fast and featured by the dominance of the forwards in exchanges. Page 10.

The monthly committee meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce was held at the Chamber's Headquarters yesterday afternoon, when owing to the indisposition of the Chairman, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Li Sing Kui took the chair. Page 7.

Chung San alias Tsang Fong was yesterday committed to stand his trial by Mr. E. I. Wynne Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy for the participation in an armed robbery on Miss Susie Tam, an Inspector of the S.P.C. and for the possession and control of arms. Page 6.

Litigation over the estate of the late Sir Paul Chater was carried a step further in the Full Court yesterday, when an appeal was brought by his trustees, the Hon. Sir William Shenton and Mr. M. H. Turner, against the decision of His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, in holding that the estate was left to the late Lady Chater and therefore duty was payable upon her death. Page 4.

Fines totalling \$100 were imposed upon Yan Pak Chuen, of No. 14 Des Voeux Road West, when he appeared before Mr. E. I. Wynne Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday to answer four summonses for evading duty by issuing separate receipts. Page 6.

Allegations of a fraud involving over \$20,000 were made when five Chinese, three men and two women, appeared on remand before Mr. Macdaden at the Central Magistracy yesterday, charged with conspiracy to defraud by pretending that they could make bank notes of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Page 5.

PEIPING TO KASHMIR

British Diplomat's Adventure

New Delhi, Jan. 8.

Sir Eric Teichmann, the British diplomat, has arrived at Gilgit on the last stage of his adventurous journey from Peiping via Hami, Urumchi, Kashgar and Karakoram to Kashmir.

The Indian Government is sending the Viceroy's Avro plane to bring Sir Eric to Delhi and he is due in a week's time. The Avro will be the first civil aircraft to use the Gilgit route along the Indus to the shoulder of Kangaparat in the Himalayas, accomplishing in a few hours a journey which will take three weeks by foot over 14,000-foot mountain passes covered with snow.

Sir Eric Teichmann, while in Delhi, will write a report on recent developments in Sinkiang, especially the growth of Russian influence which is seriously hitting British-Indian trade. He is expected to draw attention to the discriminating passport restrictions on Indian traders, a matter in which the Indian Government is already negotiating with the Chinese. His views on consular representation at Urumchi is especially desired.

Lady Teichmann is due in Delhi at the end of January to accompany her husband to England.

Reuter.

RED CROSS APPEAL

London, Jan. 7.

The usual Sunday evening broadcast appeal, which this week was made by the Rev. E. R. L. Sheppard for £25,000 with which to equip another Red Cross unit for service in Ethiopia, has already resulted in a splendid public response.

The total so far is £2,500, the being many cheques of £100 each.

Reuter's Bulletin Service

Chinese proposal has been promoted by the renewed anti-Japanese movement in connection with North China autonomy.



Captain Siemens, Commander of the German cruiser Karlsruhe

The cruiser "Karlsruhe," the third of this name in the German Navy, was launched on August 20, 1927 and began her service on November 6, 1929.

The vessel has a displacement of 6,000 tons, is 540 feet long, 50 feet broad, and has a draught of 21 feet. Her crew consists of Commander, 27 officers, chaplain, 151 non-commissioned officers, 310 ratings and about 100 midshipmen. Her armaments comprise nine 6-inch triple-tower guns, four 3-inch guns, and twelve torpedo superwater triple tubes. The maximum speed of the vessel is 32 knots and her horse-power is 65,000.

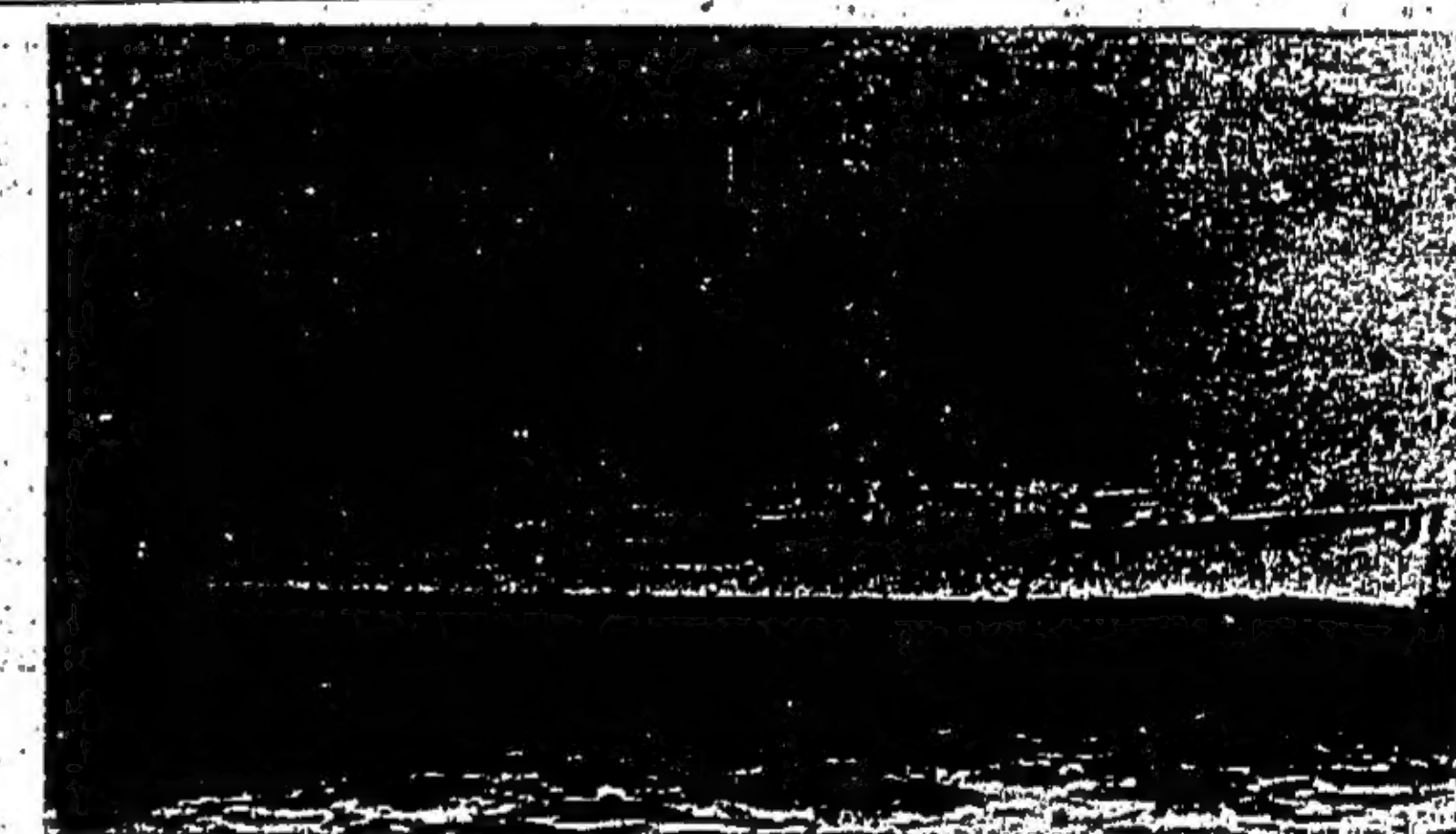
In her capacity as a training ship, the "Karlsruhe" has already made four voyages abroad, i.e. to Africa and South America in 1930, to North and South America in 1931-32, a trip round the world in 1933-34, and one round the Cape to North America in 1934-35. At present she is on an 8 months' training cruise.

The main object of this voyage is, apart from the showing of the

Flag in foreign waters, the training of the crew, especially of the coming generation of officers, which consists of cadets in the deck, engine and executive departments, or aspirants of the Naval Constructional Department, who have already had 6 months' training before the commencement of the voyage. After the trip is over in June, 1936, they have to pass the examination by which they become officers.

The cruiser is in command of Captain Siemens, the chief officer is commander Rogge. Both are participants of the battle of Jutland.

"Karlsruhe" has left Kiel on October 21, 1935. Ports of call are: Sta Cruz de Tenerife, Sao Thomé, Lobito, Durban, Port Victoria, Batavia, Ilo Ilo, Nagasaki, Yokohama, Dutsen Harbour, San Diego, Panama-Balboa, Saint Thomas, Ponce de Leon (Spain). The "Karlsruhe" is expected to be in the Colony on February 7 and will remain here for ten days.



The German cruiser Karlsruhe

LOCAL AND GENERAL

During the 24 hours ended on January 7, there were 5 cases of Diphtheria and 2 cases of Scarlet Fever reported to the Health Authorities.

The forthcoming wedding is announced between Mr. Barra Santos Marcos, musician, residing at No. 13 Granville Road, Kowloon and

GEN. DOIHARA TOUCHES ON NORTH CHINA PROBLEM

Sung And Yin Still Unreconciled

WORKING ON DIFFERENT PROGRAMMES

East Hopei Wants Complete Break With Nanking

Changeun, January 8. Unless General Sung Chieh-yuan adjusts himself to the position taken by Mr. Yin Ju Keng in consolidating the East Hopei anti-Communist Autonomous Government, the differences between them can hardly be compromised, Major-General Kenji Doihara, chief of the Kwantung Army's special office at Mukden, declared to newspaper representatives this afternoon.

The "Lawrence of Manchuria," as he is called, has just concluded an important conference with Kwantung Army leaders, reported on recent developments in North China, which he inspected personally on a tour lasting a few weeks.

He pointed out to the newspapermen that the root of the hindrance to collaboration between General Sung and Mr. Yin is the difference between the standpoints from which they launched their programmes to deal with the North China situation. The East Hopei anti-Communist Autonomous Government has declared complete separation from the Nanking Government, but General Sung has organized the Hopei-Chahar Political Council in accordance with orders from Nanking.

Major-General Doihara was disinclined, however, to credit General Sung with whole-hearted support of Nanking's intentions regarding North China. The steps taken by him to place the Peiping-Mukden Railway under the control of the Hopei-Chahar Political Council, the Japanese officer believed, were not prompted by the Nanking authorities.

It remains to be seen, he concluded, how General Sung will exercise his powers in dealing with the North China situation.

CONCURRENT POST

Paoing, Jan. 8. General Sung Chieh-yuan assumed office as concurrent Chairman of Hopei at the Provincial Government Headquarters at 11 o'clock this morning. Other members of the same government were also sworn into office at the ceremony.

General Wan Fu-lin, Commander of the 53rd Army and member of the Hopei-Chahar Political Council, administered the oath of office.

At noon, General Sung summoned the Paoing populace to the South Drill Ground, during which he gave an address. General Sung also issued a message to the Hopei people immediately after his assumption of duties.

UNITED FRONT

Shanghai, Jan. 8. A member of the C.E.C. in close touch with South-west circles stated to-day that unity within the country is now achieved as his colleagues in Canton are supporting the Central Authorities.

LONDON TRIBUTE TO DR. TING

London, Jan. 8. Sir Grafton Elliot Smith, Professor of Anatomy in the University of London, paying a tribute in the "Times" to the late Chinese geologist Dr. V. K. Ting, says that his death removes a man of conspicuous courage and charm and whom China call ill afford to lose. Like his friend Dr. Hu Hsi, Dr. Ting played an important part in controlling the process of adoption of the dangerous culture of western Europe by China and restraining elements until there was time for assimilation of desirable culture in appropriate form.

Dr. Ting had played an outstanding part in the scientific renaissance of China. In the geological survey of China, his enthusiastic co-operation with the late Professor Davidson Black, who had a deep affection and admiration for Dr. Ting, created a new chapter in the history of man.

AMERICAN ADVISER TO ETHIOPIA

Addis Ababa, Jan. 8. Dr. J. H. Sponer, a Harvardian and young American specialist on international law, has been appointed adviser to the Ethiopian Government.

SINO-JAPANESE CONFERENCE

Tokyo Needs Proof Of Sincerity

Shanghai, Jan. 8. The opening of a conference at Nanking to adjust Sino-Japanese relations, as proposed by the Nanking Government to the Japanese Government through the Charge d'Affaires of the Chinese Embassy at Tokyo, Mr. C. K. Ting, who yesterday saw Foreign Vice-Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu, is regarded by the Japanese Embassy authorities here as premature.

The same proposal, it is pointed out, was discussed last week by Ambassador Akira Ariyoshi, and General Chiang Kai-shek at Nanking. In response to General Chiang's suggestion that a conference be held, the Ambassador replied that he fully shared the wish of the Generalissimo to smoothen Sino-Japanese diplomatic relations and had from the beginning worked toward this end. He thought it useless, however, to open a conference without some more definite objective as long as the Chinese failed to show sincerity in suppressing the anti-Japanese agitation among students and vacillated regarding the problem of autonomy for North China.

The authorities of the Japanese Embassy are perfectly willing to have such a conference as soon as it is evident that China is adequately prepared for it, but such evidence is lacking at present. They feel that nothing should be done in this direction until Nanking clarifies its attitude toward the North China situation.

The Peiping-Hankow Railway has been disrupted by student agitation at Shinyang, Honan Province, where about 2,000 students rushed the station on Thursday and occupied a train, demanding to be taken to Nanking without payment.

SILVER MARKET

(From Our Own Correspondent.) London, Jan. 8. London silver prices to-day were up 1/16 for "Spot," and unquoted for "Forward," as follows:

Spot 20-3/4
Forward 20-1/2 unquoted

DISPUTED CHAHAR TERRITORY

Agreement For Joint Policing

Shanghai, Jan. 8. Reliable Chinese sources to-day revealed that the new North China political council and Japanese garrison officials have tentatively agreed to joint policing of disputed Chahar territory.

It was reported that the agreement provided 200 Mongolian Peace Preservation troops and 150 Chinese would jointly police each disputed Chahar county.

Chinese magistrates will be retained, it was stated.

The reports came after an official Chinese news agency carried a dispatch saying that a Sino-Japanese agreement with respect to eastern Hopei and Chahar had been reached, but that details would not be divulged, pending the return from Hankow of Major General Kenji Doihara, chief spokesman for the Japanese military in North China autonomy negotiations.

Other sources also said that everything awaited the return of General Doihara.

AUSTRALIANS WIN BY INNINGS

Port Elizabeth, Jan. 8. The Australian Test team, engaged in the cricket match with Eastern Province, won by an innings and 144 runs.

The Australians made 328, Richardson contributing 84, while Davies took 6 wickets for 80.

Eastern Province, who were dismissed for 92, made only 89 in their second effort. McCormick taking 5 for 28.

NAVAL PRECAUTIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Political Atmosphere Leads To Tension

ETHIOPIA, PROTESTS AGAIN

Developments in the Italo-Abyssinian war and the Mediterranean are causing grave fears in Europe where the powers are taking every precaution to be prepared for emergencies. There is extreme anxiety in Greece, in the neighbourhood of which Italian naval and military activities have been intensified of late.

Owing to alleged Italian naval activities in the Dodecanese, several units of the British Fleet have arrived in Greek waters and the Admiralty announces the programme of a spring cruise. Two squadrons of the French Fleet are preparing to leave for the Mediterranean, and it is felt that France is now ready to play her part in backing up Britain in case of an unprovoked attack.

Ethiopia has addressed another note to the League alleging Italian violation of the laws of war and the use of poison gas, while she maintains that the bombing of the Red Cross units are not accidental acts of individuals but represent the inexorable application of the policy of merciless extermination of the Ethiopian peoples.

FRANCE READY TO PLAY HER PART

Fleet Preparing To Leave For Mediterranean

Paris, Jan. 8. The First and Second Squadrons of the French Navy are scheduled to depart for the Mediterranean as soon as these comprise ninety-two vessels in all ranging from battleships to submarines and include the best vessels of the French Fleet.

The newspapers here suggest that the recent conversations of the Anglo-French naval experts have borne fruit and that France is ready to play her part in backing up Britain in the Mediterranean should occasion arise.

CRUISE PROGRAMME

Paris, Jan. 8. It is now learned that while the First Squadron of the French Fleet will be cruising in the Mediterranean on January 20, the Second Squadron will be cruising off Capablanca instead of Barcelona as at first advised.

BRITISH WARSHIPS IN GREEK WATERS

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press").

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Athens, Jan. 8. Seven British destroyers arrived on Tuesday at Greek ports, the destroyers Electra, Export, Express, and Exmouth being anchored in Piraeus, while the destroyers Belphe, Escape and Asp are now lying in the roadstead at Poros.

Three battle cruisers including the Hood and Benbow are expected to arrive in the course of Wednesday.

The concentration of British warships in Greek waters is generally believed attributable to Italian military preparations at Dodecanese Islands.

The Greek Supreme Defence Council will meet this week with the King presiding.

ITALIAN TROOP MOVEMENTS

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press") (Copyright.)

Rome, Jan. 7. The newspapers report that while the despatch of the black shirt division "Tevere" to Somaliland is completed, the first section of the well-known Alpine Division "Val Fostiera" with the General Staff leaves Naples by the Conte Rosso on Tuesday night. The division is formed from the Alpine regiments, number more than 12,000 men.

Rumours about the further shipment of divisions are neither confirmed nor denied by the authorities.

TRANSPORT ACTIVITY

Port Said, Jan. 7. Ten Italian troopships southward bound, passed through the Suez Canal between the first and sixth of January, conveying altogether 8,000 officers and men. The majority were destined for Mogadishu. During the same

ETHIOPIA COMPLAINS TO THE LEAGUE

Merciless Extermination By Ruthless Methods

Geneva, Jan. 8. The Ethiopian Government has again complained to the League against alleged Italian violation of the laws of war and repeat the request for a League enquiry.

The note dated January 6 says that notwithstanding the universal reprobation caused by the bombing of the Swedish Red Cross ambulance, the Italian military authorities are continuing their policy of terrorism by employing poison gas against the Ethiopian troops on the northern front. They have also recently bombed Red Cross ambulances at Daggahbur.

It is added that these are not accidental isolated acts of individuals but represent the inexorable application of the policy of merciless extermination of the Ethiopian peoples.

The Ethiopian Government appeals to the League to hold an enquiry with a view to establishing the truth of these violations.

GREEK ATTITUDE IN CASE OF WAR

Athens, Jan. 7.

A clear pronouncement about what Greece would do in the event of war was made in the newspaper "Eleftheros Antropos" by the War Minister Papagos, who stated literally "The general European atmosphere is overcharged and one cannot tell whether the Great Powers will find an amicable solution. We sincerely desire peace but in the case of a conflict becoming general, Greece will discharge its duty as a member of the League of Nations. As for our military preparedness, I have found the inexactitudes of the press often exaggerated.

It would be false to assert that there was military unpreparedness. It would be just as false to assert that our preparations are complete. The public must at all events know that our military organization is being made complete. All our endeavours have this aim, and we have good reasons for believing that our military preparedness will be attained as quickly as possible.

HOME FLEET TO GO ON SPRING CRUISE

London, Jan. 8.

The Admiralty announces that certain units of the Home Fleet comprising H.M.S. Nelson, Rodney, Furious, Cairo and the Twenty-first Destroyer Flotilla will, in accordance with the normal annual practice, undertake a spring cruise beginning about the middle of January. Simultaneously the Home Fleet units now at Gibraltar comprising the Hood, Ramilies, Orion and Neptune will return to the United Kingdom. A detailed programme will be issued shortly.



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TSARIST DEBT EVASION

Strong Protests In France

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Paris, January 8. An energetic protest against the new Franco-Russian treaty of commerce which has just been signed by representatives of the two countries has been addressed to M. Laval by the national union of French holders of pre-war Russian bonds.

The protest stresses that the conclusion of the treaty should have been rendered conditional on the settlement of the French claims and hold the Government responsible for the continuation of the economic misery in which large numbers of French creditors of the Tsarist Empire have been plunged by Russia's default.

A similar protest has been sent to the Minister of Commerce, M. Bonnet, whom the paper "Le Jour" severely criticises for having allegedly promised M. Litvinoff that the French Government will shortly consider granting a loan of 800 millions francs to the Soviet Union and will probably consent to grant same. The paper says it is inconceivable that the French Government, is not insisting on at least partial repayment of the Russian debt which totals 20 milliard gold francs.

In any case, according to the paper, neither the treaty of commerce nor the treaty of mutual assistance should be ratified nor any new loan made to Soviet Russia before the latter has given satisfactory guarantees for the repayment of the Tsarist debt.

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GERMANY'S OLD COLONIES

Lord Downe Urges Return

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press").

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London, Jan. 8. The return to Germany of her former colonies unequivocally was advocated by Lord Downe, in a speech delivered at York on Tuesday evening and which is attracting considerable attention.

"I wish," said Lord Downe, "that our Government would have courage to return to Germany her colonies which had been taken from her after the war. We should have learned from the last war that one cannot with impunity disturb the balance of world economy."

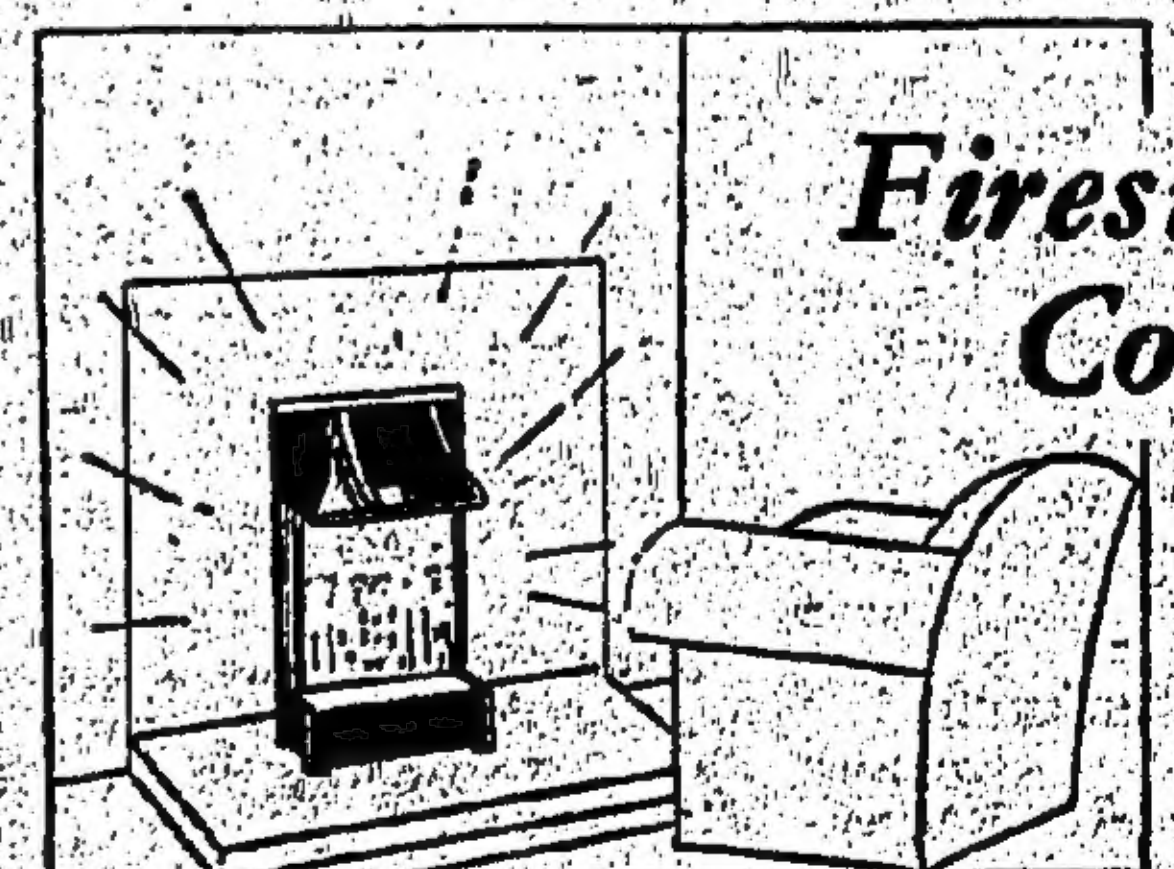
Lord Downe served in the British Army until recently and is widely regarded as one of the coming members of the English political life.

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ENQUIRY INTO CITY OF KHARTOUM LOSS

London, Jan. 8. An official enquiry into the loss of the flying boat City of Khartoum is to be opened forthwith. Captain Mansell, Chief Inspector of Civil Aircraft, who has been appointed by the Secretary for Air to investigate the accident and is now at Alexandria, will examine the wreckage and collect such evidence there as may be available.

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SPORTING ITEMS FROM HOME

Indications Of Villa Revival

Portsmouth Interest In Forest Forward - A Midlands Miss - Unlucky Player - Northampton Puzzle - Luton Town's Bid For Ho-ho-ho - Brentford Effort To Stop The Rot.

London, Dec. 17. Aston Villa's last win was on September 14, when they defeated Preston North End. There are indications of an early Villa revival and the point secured on the Birmingham ground may be but a prelude to future successes.

Port Vale are under the weather. Their team shuffles and changes for the match with Notts Forest failed to stop the slide. The nine goals conceded on Trentside brought the total of goals against to 44—the highest number in the Second Division.

From the last seven games, Charlton Athletic have secured eleven points. This is certainly promotion form.

A former Bolton Wanderers player Harold Howarth (Chester) was ordered off last Saturday along with Woodward (Tranmere Rovers) in the match between these teams at Birkenhead.

Stan Benham, Everton's inside-right against Grimsby Town, was a former member of Bolton Wanderers "A" team. Everton recruited him from Wigan Athletic in February, 1934.

Charlton Athletic officials who travelled north with the team to play at Bury were interested in the form of Ernest Matthews, the Bury centre-forward. They had heard a lot about the Gateshead youth, who is leading the Gigg Lane attack with skill and dash.

PORTSMOUTH INTERESTED
Four goals for Tom Pescock, the Notts Forest inside-left, for the second time this season, draws more attention to a clever player who is very much in the limelight this season. Portsmouth are interested here.

Mr. E. C. Carnwell, the Lichfield referee, keeps a firm grip on a game but a grip no firmer than the one he has on his whistle. The "musical instrument" is strapped to Mr. Carnwell's wrist.

Jack Beynon, the former Doncaster Rovers winger, for whom Aberdeen paid £1,000, scored the vital goal which saw the north-easters defeat the Rangers (Glasgow) before a record gate last Saturday. Aberdeen are making a great bid for the Scottish League Championship.

Missing from the playing field last Saturday were Jack Bestall (Grimsby Town) and Harry McMenamy (Newcastle United). Their clubs decided to rest them. Both clubs suffered severe defeat.

Blackburn Rovers are hoping for big things from P. G. Yauze, the young outside-left who is deputising for Tommy Turner. With a bit of experience Yauze may develop into a useful League player. He is a product of a local Grammar School.

A last-minute surprise in the Blackburn Rovers team against Preston North End was the inclusion of Halsall at right-half in place of Bobby Crawford. The latter was a spectator at the game in which he had expected to play.

One of the successes in the Norwich City team is Worton, the left-back, who was recruited from Walsall. Midlands clubs missed a good 'un here.

BRADFORD'S SEARCH
Bradford have been searching high and low for backs. Some enterprising club might effect a profitable deal with the Park Avenue club—an experienced back for an inside forward.

The Southport pair, Granger and Walker, appeal to the Bradford officials. But which to buy? One has polish, the other dash. Bradford may make up their minds just as soon as the Seaside are out of the cup-ties.

Stockport County's grandstand was burned down during the close season. When the wreckage was cleared away there was a blank. The blank remains but there are signs now of something being done about it.

The club officials have been in touch with the Town Council on the subject. Financial assistance has been asked for and if the Council take a broad view something will be done. The trouble with town councillors is, it is usually found, that they fail to see that a football club is an asset to a town and an indirect source of income for transport concerns and all sorts of shopkeepers.

VALUE OF GOOD RESERVES
The fact that West Bromwich Albion are able to put in the field three good teams at the present time in view of the number of players on the injured list is surely a fine tribute to the great wealth of reserve talent which they possess. They have a team on the injured list of which six are first team men.

Few clubs in the League have had a worse experience than the Throstles this season, but their young players who are so full of promise are pulling the club out of their difficulties.

Norman Male, one of West Bromwich Albion's young backs is out of the game with cartilage trouble which has necessitated an operation. The Throstles think a lot of this youngster and several overtures for his transfer have been turned down.

West Bromwich Albion are likely to secure on a professional form A. G. Venables, a goalkeeper of Cannock Chase Colliery. Venables has been on trial with the Albion and has given every satisfaction.

George Morrall is one of the most unlucky players on Birmingham's list this season. Injured early in the season he was forced to stand down for some weeks and then when he was fit again George had the misfortune to pull a thigh muscle which kept him out of the game for another period. In training again Morrall had the ill-luck to pull another thigh muscle and will be out of the team most likely to the end of the year. George must be thinking it is his unluckiest season.

Fred Coulthard, the clever outside-right of Worcester City, the Birmingham League club, is attracting the attention of many scouts from "first-class" clubs. Coulthard, a product of the north-east, has previously figured with Durham City and Hartlepool United. He comes of a footballing family as his elder brother was with Newcastle United, Norwich City and Carlisle United, whilst another brother is with Darlington.

TORQUAY ATTRACTION
Very distinguished gentlemen keep watching Torquay United. Morgan, the outside-right, is the main attraction. Cup-tie calls may be holding up a deal about this former Swansea player.

Something of a mystery, and certainly a disappointment to Chesterfield, is the loss of form which has affected Bobby Bauld, the left-half signed from Bradford City in the close season. The player has had special electrical and massage treatment, but has not yet reached his known form. There is a chance of a transfer here.

Kenny Cameron, one of Preston North End and Middlesbrough, is Hull City's leading scorer. His total is seven.

Houghton, Ashley and Dix are the only survivors from the Aston Villa team which opened the season.

Greater distinction than that goes to Richmond and Hancock, respectively right-back and outside-right of Purley. They alone of the eleven which opened the season are still in the first team.

Bentham and Camille, who cost practically nothing in the first team; Miller and Stevenson, who cost thousands, not in the first team. Everton must be thinking that his transfer fees do not necessarily mean success.

GOLF

Medal Pool-December

The following are the results of competition held at Kowloon Golf Club.

Medal Pool—December.
Winner: F. C. Barry ... 77-12-65
Runner-up: W. H. G.
Elit ... 79-13-66
Captains Cup Quality Round—January 4 and 5.
Qualifiers T. D. Paton ... 73-9-64 and
E. Black ... 76-11-71
Other scores were:—
R. Henderson ... 80-11-69
G. Milne ... 79-8-71
E. O. Murphy ... 84-13-71

Called into the Stoke City office last week were Steele and Westland, the young inside forwards. They were not "on the carpet." Manager Bob McGroarty, the Potters' manager, simply wanted to explain things. Fred and Jimmy, you see, had been left out of the first team. Manager McGroarty does not believe in simply hanging up the team sheet in the dressing room and leaving it at that.

One of the surprising teams in the country just now is the Aston Villa side in the Central League. There are internationals all over the place.

A First Division club likes the attacking ideas of Hardy, Chesterfield's left-half.

Mr. Tom Mather, Newcastle United's manager, simply refused to take a refusal from Stoke City, his former club, about the transfer of Bobby Liddle. Tom keeps trying.

INSPIRATION
Everton's win at Grimsby was their first away success of the season. Will this inspire Liverpool? The Reds are still without.

A reshuffle of the Manchester City ranks against Sheffield Wednesday gave the Maine Road supporters a glimpse of Kellor McCullough, the City's latest Irish capture, as a right-half. He looked the part. This, in fact, may be the Irishman's best position although he has pleased as an inside-right.

Will the Spurs find the centre-half they have been searching for amongst their own players? May be. Walter Alford, switched from wing half, looks the part.

At the Hants F. A. meeting it was stated that in a game between Basingstoke and Hook, cattle invaded the field. It was alleged by the aggrieved party that one of the goals was shot through the legs of a cow, and it was urged that play should have been suspended until the intruders were warned off.

The referee's version was that he did not see the cows until after the goal was scored. He forwarded a diagram which indicated that the livestock invaded the pitch on the other side of the goal from that from which the scoring shot came. Therefore there was no interference. The referee's decision was upheld.

AN IMPROVED PLAYER
Birmingham's supporters are wondering if the selectors are keeping an eye on Fred Harris, one of their forwards, who has made a wonderful improvement this season. This local-born youth has not only won a position in the first team, but held it, and his consistent form makes him a serious rival for honours to Ray Westwood as England's left wing. Few players in the football world to-day can use their heads to such advantage as Harris, most of his goals coming in this fashion.

The Wolves have secured a promising young half-black in Norman Thacker, of Cannock Town, the Birmingham League side. Thacker can operate on either wing. The Wolves had Galley, their right-half, from the same club.

Luton Town's magnificent sequence of victories—seven—is halted for the moment as they are without a League game on Saturday, being exempt from the cup-ties until the third round.

The hopes that have been raised at Luton are not likely to be allowed to slip for the sake of a fee, and in addition to the signing of the amateurs of late, directors were out again after a bigger staff last week, and two of them were watching the Central

YACHTING

Sweepstake Race Results

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club held the Sweepstake Races yesterday over a course of 8.3 miles—Chapel Rocks (P), Buasey Shoal (P), Kowloon Rock (P), (N) Mark on Line (P), Channel Rocks (S), Club Line.

Results in the various Classes were:—

"A" Class—Started At 14.45
Finished Pos.
Carpenter, Al ... 16.20.57 2
Major D. B. Edwards
Lobo, A2 ... 16.17.53 1
(Miss E. Walker)
La Linda, A5 ... 16.24.25 4
(Wing Comdr. C. R. Kary)
Pat, A12 ... 16.21.11 3
(Mrs. D. W. Perse)

"T" & "G" Classes—Started At 14.55
Finished Corr. Pos.
Alisa, J3 ... 16.30.42 16.17.33 2
(Mr. H. M. Ervine-Andrews)
Eunice, G3 ... 16.40.15 16.10.30 1
(Major B. E. C. Dixon)
Sirius ... D.N.F.

"H" Class—Started At 15.00
Finished Corr. Pos.
Rolla, H3 ... 16.23.20 16.23.20 3
(Col. Kirke)
Ariel, H7 ... 16.27.34 16.21.20 1
(Miss B. M. Kirke)
Dorothea, G9 ... 16.28.27 16.21.32 2
(Miss H. De V. Brancucci)

League game at Huddersfield. Possibly by the time these lines are in print there will have been a surprise move by the Luton club.

Luton Town have a stiff programme ahead, for unless Bristol City fall to Crystal Palace in the cup-tie there will not be a League game, unless something unexpected turns up, until Boxing Day, at Luton, and in the meantime opponents are Millwall, Coventry City and Notts County.

THE NORTHAMPTON NEED
Northampton Town have found their lowest level, for they are at the bottom of the League table, and, truth to tell, they never looked like winning at Brighton. It is difficult to account for players being pushed into the reserves and then scoring goals freely, while the preferred men cannot do anything for the first team.

Again on Saturday the second string ran riot and trounced the Chelsea Reserves to the tune of seven goals to nil, and might have scored seven more. Just fancy that against a Chelsea defence consisting of Jackson, Odell and McAulay.

From another source we have heard that the Cobblers have been anxious to secure the transfer of Sam Bell from the Spurs, but while the clubs were practically agreed the player did not see his way to accept.

If Bell could ring the target for the Cobblers as he did for their Luton rivals before he was transferred to the Spurs, there might be a change in the fortunes of the Cobblers, though the biggest need is at half-back. It is almost certain, however, that McGuire will be ready for the cup-tie, and if so the Cobblers may account for Bristol Rovers.

Watford found their feet to some purpose, for they thoroughly deserved their success over Reading, and take due note that two of the goals were scored by Tommy Barnett. We have referred more than once to the exclusion of Tommy from the Watford attack, and his return has meant much to the side, even though that other goal-scorer, Bill Lane, was missing.

This was Watford's first victory at home for two months, and since it was the League leaders they beat so well they should be more optimistic now at Vicarage Road.

ALL CLEAR
Bristol City will have the whole of the sporting public of Bristol to draw from for their F.A. Cup-tie with Crystal Palace. The Rovers are at Northampton and the Rugby team is at Leicester. The attendance should be round about 25,000.

Bristol City are looking forward to a win and a big gate from the visit of the Palace. The gates have kept these clubs apart in the national competition, so that the meeting on Saturday is invested with a special interest.

RUGGER TRIAL

Whites and Colours In Keenly Contested Tussle

A keenly contested rugby match between two well balanced teams, representing the best talent available in the Colony, was played at the Valley ground yesterday when the Whites drew with the Colours.

There were several alterations to the original Whites v. Colours sides as published the day before yesterday. J. L. Bonnar, the brilliant Club scrum half being unable to make the field owing to an injury, sustained in the Club v. Army clash on Saturday last. Lt. Knox R. N. substituted for Bonnar in the Whites fifteen and gave a rattling good display. Tel. Jones was dropped from the "Colours" team, J. Hutchison taking his place in the wing three position, while Preece filled the vacancy caused by Lt. Knox.

The game was played throughout at a fast pace and some brilliant movements amongst the backs featured an otherwise rather monotonous match in which the forwards on both sides dominated exchanges. There was little to choose between the packs, Dr. J. H. McInnes during the first half of the game hooking more successfully than his rival, but the same cannot be said during the later stages of the match. Both sets of forwards were robust, fast and followed the ball well.

J. G. Robertson was the best full back on view and should walk into the Colony side. His tough kicking was superb, and he played a cool, level-headed game throughout. Of the two sets of three on view, the "Whites" line composed of McGuire, Fraser, St. Clair Ford, Wright and Butcher was the more imposing and combined with more understanding. Preece the "Colours" scrum half, while playing a fine game, was too often offside which rather ruined an otherwise keen display. Knox, his opposite number swung out some magnificent passes and gave a good account of himself.

Later in the first half, after the "Whites" had hammered the "Colours" line, McGuire went over wide of the uprights, which Robertson failed to convert.

Shortly after resumption of play, Preece received the ball after backing-up the three splendidly and went over near the left hand corner flag. He failed to add major points to his own effort.

Keen tackling and good marking saw several promising movements nipped in the bud, and Preece was prominent in some splendid breakaways, but invariably was poorly supported. The "Colours" at last got through when following a splendid drop kick to touch by Robertson, the "Colours" obtained the ball from a scrum near the "Whites" line, Knox transferring to St. Clair Ford for the latter to weave his way through the opposition in brilliant fashion. Robertson again failed to convert. Some minutes before "no side" was called, Preece gathered the ball from a fly-half scrum on the "Whites" line, went over, with the opposition all unaware. The kick at goal failed.

Dr. J. A. R. Selby, refereed the match and lined up the following fifteens:—

WHITES
L. G. Robertson
H. R. McGuire
Lieut. Fraser, R.M.
Lieut. St. Clair Ford, R.N.
Mid. Wright, R.N.
A. H. R. Butcher
Lt. Knox, R.N.
Marine Light
G. S. Chambers
A. F. Waddan
Pay-Lieut. Sowman, R.N.
Dr. J. H. McInnes
E. P. Humphreys
Lieut. Winter, R.N.
M. S. Cummings

COLOURS
P. C. Frost
J. Hutchison
H. C. Meekie
Rev. Makenzie, Dow
Lieut. Withers, P.A.
E. H. Griffiths
Preece
B. D. G. Barlow
P. O. Wyman
S. H. Garrod
W. E. Peers
J. S. Dunne
A. B. Evans
F. J. McGowan
E. B. Gammell

It was announced following the trial that the Colours side would not be picked before Saturday, as there seems to be some uncertainty regarding the movements of the Army players.

HOME FOOTBALL FORECASTS

(BY FORWARD)

The following is a list of Cup Tie matches and League Matches to be played on Saturday, January 11, 1936. The teams in bold type are tipped to win:—

DIVISION I.		Results	
		1935-36	1934-35
MANCHESTER C.	185	v.	Portsmouth
EVERTON	32	v.	Preston N.E.
Bradford C.	205	v.	BOURNEMOUTH
Crewe	41	v.	WEDNESDAY
WEST HAM	21	v.	Luton
Clapton C.	—	v.	CHARLTON
Norwich	103	v.	CHILSEA
Hartlepool	104	v.	GRIMSBY
MIDDLESBRO'	265	v.	Southampton
STOCKPORT	245	v.	Plymouth
WOLVES	97	v.	Leeds
Leicester	93	v.	BRENTFORD
READING	143	v.	Manchester U.
WALSALL	183	v.	Newcastle
Notts C.	62	v.	TRANMERE
DONCASTER	46	v.	Notts Forest
ASTON VILLA	111	v.	Huddersfield
Burnley	81	v.	Sheffield U.
FULHAM	41	v.	Brighton
Millwall	51	v.	STOKE
DARLINGTON	136	v.	Bury
SOUTHALL	81	v.	Watford
BEADFORD	35	v.	Workington
Barnley	102	v.	BIRMINGHAM
BLACKBURN	16	v.	Bolton
BLACKPOOL	262	v.	Margate

DIVISION III. (SOUTH)		Results	
		4-2	2-1
GILLINGHAM	36	v.	Bristol C.
NORTHAMPTON	156	v.	Exeter

DIVISION III. (NORTH)		Results	
		4-1	1-1
ACCRINGTON	21	v.	Hallifax
CHESTER	131	v.	Gateshead
CHESTERFIELD	16	v.	Rotherham
NEW BRIGHTON	81	v.	Manfield
YORK	102	v.	Carlisle

SCOTTISH LEAGUE		Results	
DIVISION I.		1-2	2-1
Aldrie	v.	RANGERS	1-2
Arbroath	v.	HEARTS	—
AY	v.	ABERDEEN	3-1
CELTIC	v.	Queen of South	0-1
DUNDEE	v.	St. Johnstone	0-0
DUNFERMLINE	v.	Kilmarnock	—
HIBERNIAN	v.	Queen's Park	2-1
MOTHERWELL	v.	Clyde	1-0
PARTICK	v.	Hamilton	1-2
THIRD LANARK	v.	Albion R.	—

PRIMO CARNERA

Rome, Jan. 8. Recent reports in sporting circles here to the effect that Primo Carnera might be called up for service in East Africa, are now denied and it is stated that the big pugilist is sailing for New York within a few days, to meet the winner of the Louis-Schemeling fight.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET

Port Elizabeth, Jan. 7. A three day match between Eastern Province and the Australian Test team opened here to-day, and ended somewhat disastrously for the home team. Batting first the Province were dismissed for 92, after which the

Australians proceeded to hit up 189 for the loss of four wickets. Richardson was at his best in scoring 75 not out.

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RUGBY SELECTORS' CHANCE TO EXPERIMENT

Formations That May Be Seen In The Trial

PLAYERS WITH STRONG CLAIMS

London, Dec. 10. The Selection Committee of the Scottish Rugby Union will meet soon to choose 30 players for the trial match at Murrayfield on Jan. 11.

I feel that if Scotland were playing New Zealand again there would be changes in the fifteen that fell on November 21. Yet, although the selectors may have made mistakes, I think they did well in the short time at their disposal.

Possibly they were shortsighted in omitting H. Lind, but they are not to be unduly blamed. Last season there was a clamour for Lind's return. He was played against Ireland at Lansdowne Road, and he did not improve the team, as many said he would. He was by no means to blame for the defeat, but he certainly did not justify all his protagonists said of him.

This season Lind's play for London Scottish has been greatly praised by Southern critics and there is no getting away from the fact his form against New Zealand at Abercromby warranted his inclusion in the International side.

That is freely admitted by everyone who was at Pittodrie; but it is easy to be wise after the event.

I think the selectors would have been the first to admit his claim, but the unfortunate thing about the whole business is that the Scottish committee sent specially to London to see him play for London County against New Zealand at Twickenham and he did not turn out.

BETTER THAN EVER

What were they to do? Were they to be swayed in his favour again by public opinion? They were not. They had to bear the brunt of the criticism for his omission; just as they were criticised for his inclusion against Ireland.

After the Irish match Lind's protagonists but up closer than a clam, but they were awaiting a chance to reassess themselves.

That chance came when reports from the South were full of praise of Lind's fine play. The Dublin experience was conveniently forgotten, and yet it would be interesting to know how many people who were advocating his claims for the New Zealand game had seen him in action.

I have tried to be fair to both sides in dealing with the Lind controversy. I am hoping to see him in the Murrayfield trial on January 11, and in the International side later.

In my opinion, he is playing better than ever before, and his strong defence in the centre is no likely to be overlooked by the selectors.

The composition of the pack will need careful consideration. Many advocate that eight Bachelors should be played. There were six in the pack on November 21, and the front row did not function well, but the selectors must take the blame for that. For they played G. D. Shaw in the front row, and he had not been there since his school days.

Shaw did not get down low enough. Nor did R. M. Grieve, and which was more surprising, and they did not bind. When pressure was exerted by W. A. Burnett and J. Bentie they spread and strength was lost.

WORTH TRYING AGAIN

When the South played New Zealand, G. S. Cottingham was alongside the Gala hooker and Shaw in the back row, and the results were excellent. Even allowing that New Zealand's scrumming at Hawick was much inferior to what it was at Murrayfield, that does not alter the fact that the Border pack was strong and beautifully formed.

It may seem strange to talk of scrumming in terms of the beautiful, but there is nothing more pleasing to the eye than a compact scrum, with every man fitting perfectly and bodies tapering from front to third row.

That is what we saw at Mansfield Park, and it would be worth trying the experiment against the Rest of Scotland at Murrayfield.

It would not be necessary to choose the same men. J. A. Waters, for instance, would take his place in the back row and others could be substituted if it were thought profitable. It does seem that this formation would be beneficial, for the Border game differs to some extent from that played elsewhere, and it is surely better to have eight men working in unison than four trying to do one thing and four another.

Again, men thoroughly acquainted with one another have confidence that is often lacking when they are thrown into strange company.

There is another point. It is well to have a proved or disproved that a company of this kind is better than an eight drawn from various quarters.

I would play them in front of the Scottish backs, who would be revised, the full back position is complicated with the return of K. W. Marshall. Maybe he will be the choice for International games, but in the meantime it will be well to stick by J. M. Kerr. He is not quite so fast as Marshall, but gives greater confidence in defence.

W. R. Logan can be partnered R. C. S. Dick. The left wing goes with either H. Lind or R. W. Shaw, and whoever is not accepted can be transferred to the centre alongside K. O. Fyfe, and the right wing I would give to W. C. W. Murdoch.

He has the necessary pace, and little, if any, slower than his brother. J. E. Forrest is still a great footballer, but his speed is slackening.

There will be no difficulty in selecting a splendid Rest side. K. W. Marshall immediately suggests himself as full back. J. E. Forrest must still claim attention and get the right wing place. His partner might be W. Fairbairn, of Jedforest, an excellent player in every way.

The right centre position I would give to H. M. Murray, probably the straightest runner in present-day Rugby. Left wingers of class are not plentiful, but attention might once again be turned towards C. H. C. Brown, Dunfermline, or I. N. Whitworth, London Scottish.

LACKING IN SPEED

At the risk of rousing much adverse criticism, I would advocate the separation of I. E. Dawson and W. A. Ross. The latter seems lacking in speed in the first 10 yards, and it is in this distance the stand off must be specially endowed. C. F. Grieve would be my choice as partner to Dawson.

The pack is the greatest problem. F. W. Tait is probably first choice as hooker, and allowing J. Borthwick has not been playing in the front row recently for his club, I do not know if it is possible to do better than place him and A. L. Glover on the flanks.

W. A. Burnett and D. A. Thom might be paired in the second row. Thom would be better there than at wing forward, a place he does not seem fitted for. The last row might well be made up of L. B. Lambie, J. I. Morrice, and J. R. Ness.

Saves Fiance From Going To Jail

POLICE SUPPORT FOR PLEA FOR ANOTHER CHANCE

His marriage "to someone who was going to stand by him," saved a man from being sent to jail.

Richard Hayward, aged 27, a builder's labourer, of Stourvale Road, Bournemouth, pleaded guilty at Bournemouth to the theft of an overcoat, scarf and gloves from a dance hall.

He pleaded for leniency as he had taken a furnished house in readiness for his marriage.

Police Superintendent Deacon gave details of previous convictions, but supported the man's plea for another chance.

After the Bench had had an interview with the bride-to-be, the chairman, Mr. G. Guest, said: "We are going to put you on your honour, and we want you to play the man as this woman is willing to marry you."

He was bound over for 12 months.

FRENCH MANOEUVRES

Toulon, Jan. 7. The First Squadron of the French Navy will resume its manoeuvres on the coast of Provence and Corsica on February 20—the day on which the League Council meets.

Mr. Baldwin yesterday described the Paris Agreement as "absolutely and completely dead." His speech, therefore, and the personal explanation of Sir Samuel Hoare were in part autopsy and in part explanation of how the body had come into existence at all, since as soon as its features were revealed the storm arose.

This tempest gathered such strength that it has driven Sir Samuel Hoare to resign, unrepentant because clear in his own conscience, and unable "honestly to recant," because still convinced that in the circumstances he did the right thing. He only resigned, he said, because he realised that he no longer possessed that general confidence of the community from which any Foreign Secretary ought to be able to draw strength in critical times. That is the best of all reasons for resignation.

POST-MORTEM ON PEACE PLAN

No Return To The Methods Of The New Diplomacy

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"WENT TOO FAR"

Mr. Baldwin took upon himself the chief responsibility not for the terms of the Agreement but for their acceptance by the Cabinet. He said that he did not like either the terms nor their framework. He felt that they "went too far," but he entered into no detail as to the degree by which they exceeded the just limits of concession.

By the Monday morning, when he received the terms, Sir Samuel Hoare had left Paris for Switzerland, but had written asking for an immediate Cabinet meeting to endorse the Agreement, and they had no choice but to endorse them or repudiate a trusted colleague.

"I decided at once," said Mr. Baldwin, "that I must support my absent colleague." That was his first instinct and he obeyed it. It was weakness, it was human weakness. It would have been better, he admitted, had he fetched his colleague back from Switzerland and disowned the Agreement. Even so, however, Mr. Baldwin seems to have been totally unprepared for the violence of the storm; nor had he or his colleagues any idea of being untrue to their election pledges with respect to the League. It is difficult to understand this peculiar insensibility to what the whole community seemed to be feeling so acutely, but the very fullness of the admission is itself disarming.

NO LIAISON

It is abundantly clear that there was an entire absence of liaison on the Sunday between the Foreign Secretary and the Prime Minister. Yet there are private wires between London and Paris if the necessary arrangements had been made. That provision was not made shows the absolute trust reposed in the Foreign Secretary, and indicates that he had gone to Paris with the fullest authorisation to agree to a basis of settlement.

That was following the method of the New Diplomacy. The Old, as we observed yesterday, has much to be said for it. Flying visits by Foreign Secretaries are not producing such good results as the slower, but surer, methods which obtained before the War, and we welcome the Prime Minister's emphatic declaration that there shall be a reversion to the older and safer practice. Time was indeed pressing, but with a proper liaison on the fatal Sunday, Sir Samuel would still have been Foreign Secretary to-day, for the Prime Minister could have warned him to make no final decision.

THE DIFFERENCE

Sir Samuel Hoare's personal apology became him well. It is more impressive, however, than convincing. He was manifestly a very weary and worn man when he called at Paris, at the strong request of his colleagues, on his way to a badly needed holiday, but his restrained and manly speech will not alter the general belief that his usually cool judgment was for once sadly at fault. It may be that the basis he agreed to gave little more to Italy than the proposal of the Committee of Five. But the latter were issued in the hope of averting war, and were so little liked that no one cared when Signor Mussolini rejected them with scorn. The difference between then and now is that Italy has been declared the Aggressor and war is in progress, and the general instinct of the world revolts against Italy being offered a still larger reward.

Sir Samuel was manifestly penetrated with the idea that we were

GAS KILLS ONE TEN OVERCOME

STRANGE LEAK AT NANKING AND CHEKIANG ROADS

Rescue Van Crew Renders Aid

Shanghai, Jan. 4. A mysterious leakage of gas, the second in the neighbourhood within the last two weeks, was responsible for the death of a young Chinese shop assistant early yesterday morning at 390 Chekiang Road, near the intersection of Nanking Road. Ten other youths and men were overcome by fumes, and one of the victims remained in a fairly serious condition last night. The Rescue Van of the Shanghai Fire Brigade administered oxygen to the surviving victims at the scene, resuscitating them. Investigations into the causes of the tragedy are being carried out by the Shanghai Fire Brigade, the Shanghai Gas Company, and detectives of Louza Police Station.

The first intimation that anything was wrong was received by a cook employed at 390 Chekiang Road, a food shop, who went from an upstairs room to the ground floor at 7 o'clock to call four fellow employees. He found all four in a coma and smelled gas. He at once notified Zung Zai-yuan, the proprietor, who summoned the Police. When the Fire Brigade Rescue Van arrived oxygen was administered to the four unconscious employees—two shop assistants and two apprentices. One of them, Zee Ah-shih, 27-years-old, however, failed to respond to the treatment and when he was admitted to Lester Chinese Hospital, with his comrades, he was found to be dead. The condition of the other three is not serious.

Face Not Covered

Information supplied later by the cook indicated that Zee's death was due to the fact that he was sleeping with his face exposed, while the others were completely covered by their bedding.

Before the Rescue Van had left the scene, the officer in charge was notified that seven other Chinese males had just been discovered in a coma at a Chinese barber shop, 89, Hsiang Fung Loong. The barber shop is separated from the rear of the food shop only by a narrow lane.

A search revealed that seven assistants and apprentices had been poisoned by gas while asleep on the premises, and that the fumes had obviously emanated from the same leaky gas main. The seven victims were treated with oxygen by the crew of the Rescue Van and conveyed to hospital. The condition of one of the youths was described as fairly serious.

Charcoal fumes were responsible for poisoning two Chinese women in House, 289, Lane 521, Range Road, at about 9 o'clock yesterday morning. They were treated at the Shanghai Sanatorium Clinic.

Factory Gutter

Pumps from Suna, Central, and Tiendong Road Fire Stations fought a stubborn fire in a clock case factory in Lane 511, Chengta Road, during the night. The factory was gutted by the flames, but there were no casualties. It was one of four fire calls received by Suna Station, during Thursday night, including one false alarm.

well within the danger zone of "unilateral war with Italy." Naturally he repudiated with emphasis the suggestion that this country felt any fear as a nation of any Italian threat; but if an Italian attack were directed against any Member-State without the latter receiving the full support of the rest it would lead straightway to the disruption of the League.

It is, we believe, true that not another Member-State except Great Britain, has moved a ship, or a machine, or a man in preparation against possible Italian attack. It has all been left to Great Britain to take and return the possible blow. This is not "collective action" in any sense of the term; nor can there be "collective security" if League members thus interpret their responsibilities under the Covenant. Mr. Baldwin declared at the end of his speech that these facts would have to be faced when the war was over. "Why not now?" Especially if the only alternative is to "take responsibility" for a basis of settlement against which the general conscience revolts.

DANCE HALL COMEDY

Mayor's Interference Resented

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).)

Paris, Jan. 7. The public dance halls at Clermont Douze near Paris are not allowed by the police to admit young women under 15 years of age. Hearing that one such place of amusement was disregarding the law, the Mayor sent some policemen late at night to order all the girls under 15 to accompany them to the Town Hall where the Mayor intended to deliver a little sermon.

The damsels of the Clermont Douze disapproved of the Mayor's solicitude and appealed to the whole company on the dancing floor, who joined in hissing, hooting and catcalling till they discomfited the policemen who beat a hasty and discreet retreat.

A quarter of an hour later the infuriated Mayor appeared on the scene when the disturbance became even greater than ever, till he too was forced to retire crestfallen. The Mayor then ordered the proprietor of the hall to shut the premises because of disorder and noise, but the angry pleasure seekers resisted the execution of the order. The police the next day found themselves with three complaints to settle, one from the Mayor, one from the policemen, and one from the hall-owner. It finally turned out that the Mayor had no right to issue the order, because he had not obtained the permission of the Prefecture.

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GALE IN BRITAIN

London, Jan. 7. Details are only just coming to hand of a terrific gale which caused havoc on the south-west coast Sunday. It is now reported that a total of thirteen lives were lost from various vessels, while the gale at one time reached the terrific velocity of 100 miles per hour.

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Buyers	Sellers	Quoted	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8.	Buyers	Sellers	Quoted	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8.
Banks							
\$1,505		\$1,500	H.K. Banks			\$1,500	
			Bo. (London)			287	
			Chartered Bank			213	
			Mercantile Bank			213	
			Bank of East Asia			213	
			N. C. & S. Bank			213	
			Am. C. & S. Corp. S.			213	
			Ch. Fin. Corp. Ord. S.			213	
			Do. Pref. S.			213	
Insurance							
		\$1.10	Canton Insurance			\$1.10	
			Union Insurance				
			China Fire				
			H.K. Fire				
			International Assoc. S.				
Shipping							
			Douglas				
			Shanghai				
			Indos (pref.)				
			Do. (def.)				
			Shells				
			Waterfront				
Mining							
			Antamoks				
			Balatos				
			Baguio Gold				
			Benguet Consolidated				
			Do. Goldfield				
			Big Widge				
			Gold Creek				
			United Paracels				
			Salacot Mining				
			Ipo Mining				
			Logona				
			Kailas				
			Langkasa (single) S.				
			Exploration S.				
			Shanghai Loans S.				
			Habbs				
			Venezuela Gold Fide.				
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			H.K. Lands				
			Do. 4% Debentures				
			Shanghai Lands				
			Metropolitan Lands				
			H.K. Real Estate				
			China Do.				
			Do. Debentures				
			Humphreys				
			New Asia Hotel				
			Asia Real Estate				
			Do. "B" S.				
			Chinese Estates				
			Cotton Mills				
			Ewoe				
			Shai Cotton (old) S.				
			Do. (new) S.				
			Zong Singa				
			Wing On Textiles (S.)				
			Public Utilities				
			Tramways				
			Peak Trans (old)				
			Do. (new)				
			Star Ferries				
			Yanwai Ferries				
			China Lights (old)				
			Do. (new)				
			H.K. Electric				
			Macao do				
			Saudan Lights				
			Telephones (old)				
			Do. (new)				
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			Tractions				
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			Caldbeck, (ord.) S.				
			Macgregor (pref.) S.				
			Anton Ioss				
			Cement				
			Bopex				
Miscellaneous							
			Dairy Farms				
			Amusements				
			Ch. F. Investments				
			Constructions (old)				
			Do. (new)				
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			Macintosh				
			Nanyang Tobacco				
			Sanderson				
			Warsons				
			Wm. Powells				
			M. Greyhounds				
			S. C. Enterprises				
			Ch. G. 5% 1925 G. Bda.				
			H.K. Govt. 4% Loans				
			Do. 5%				
			Wallace Harper				
			H.K. Wing On				
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			Vibro Piling				

NEW YORK STOCK AND COMMODITY QUOTATIONS

(Through Reuters Agency)

	Last	January 8
Cotton, May	10.86	10.90 10.92
Rubber, December	13.98	14.03 14.03
Chicago Wheat, May	1.03	1.03 1.03
Corn, May	61 1/2	61 1/2 61 1/2
STOCKS		
Anaconda Copper	28 1/2	29 1/2 29 1/2
El. Bond and Share	18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2
General Motors	55 1/2	55 1/2 55 1/2
Montgomery Ward	37 1/2	37 1/2 37 1/2
N.E. Central	29 1/2	30 1/2 30 1/2
U.S. Steel	49 1/2	49 1/2 49 1/2

New York Stock Exchange Quotations appear on Page 4

AMERICA ALL EXCITED

Speculation On Next Move

Washington, Jan. 8.—The entire country is still agog with speculation at the Government's next move following the invalidation of the A.A.A. It is pointed out that the Administration has contracts with thousands of farmers to make up the losses entailed by curtailment of production and it is stated that President Roosevelt has decided to appeal to Congress to furnish \$100,000,000 to make up the necessary sums.

Meanwhile although the A.A.A. is now completely defunct, President Roosevelt seems to have accepted the situation calmly and indeed as if he had expected such a development all along. — *Reuters' Bulletin Service.*

AIR VICE-MARSHAL A.S. BARRATT

New Appointment

New Delhi, Jan. 8.—Air Vice-Marshal A. S. Barratt, Senior Air Staff Officer at the headquarters of the R.A.F. in India since 1932, has been appointed Commandant of the R.A.F. Staff College at Andover. He was seconded to the Royal Flying Corps in 1914 and served throughout the European War in France, gaining a number of decorations and being mentioned in despatches four times. He has been in Andover before as Chief Instructor at the R.A.F. Staff College, and he also served in Shanghai with the Defence Force. — *Reuters.*

ELECTION COMEDY

London, Jan. 7.—There is still considerable confusion in the matter of the Ross and Cromarty by-election, where Mr. Malcolm MacDonald has been invited to stand for the Liberal Association, though he is opposed by the Conservatives, who have invited Mr. Randolph Churchill to enter the field. An element of comedy entered the situation to-day when fire broke out in the town of Dingwall and the fire chief could not be located. He was out canvassing since he is the young Minister's chief helper in that district as well as being the editor of the local paper and a prominent rugby player. When he was finally located the fire chief expressed his extreme disappointment at having missed the fire. — *Reuters.*

STREET INCIDENT IN CAIRO

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).) Cairo, Jan. 7.—The Nationalist students again broke out in a protest strike against British supremacy, after a subsidence of hostile feeling had been noticeable for the last few days. The cause of the strike was the shooting of an Egyptian street cleaner on Monday night by a British officer, who is said to have been intoxicated. The incident created great indignation and the crowd attempted to lynch the officer, who was arrested by the British military police. The street cleaner was severely wounded. — *Transocean Kuo Min.*

BUENOS AIRES RIOTING

Soldiers Stoned To Death

Buenos Aires, Jan. 7.—Five persons are known to have been killed up to the present in labour disturbances here and many are wounded. Police have arrested 171 during the riots. Thirty omnibuses and trams have been burned or mobbed. The disturbances broke out in connection with the one-day strike called in sympathy with the building trade unions. Most of the city's workers joined the strike but the railwaymen refused. A mob of strikers thereupon seized railway signal boxes and paralysed all traffic on the railways, compelling passengers to get out and walk. Bands of strikers held up omnibuses and set many afire, one of them on a level crossing. They also held up a milk train and poured the milk out on the ground. They smashed every window in the train and burned two coaches. A policeman was killed when strikers fired a fusillade at Villa Urquiza and the strikers' leader was also shot down when officers returned the fire of the mob. A soldier on an underground train was stoned to death. Hordes of women hampered the efforts of the police, shrieking and hurling stones at trams and overturning carts laden with market produce. Strikers from Villa Crespo, attempting to enter the city, were dispersed with tear gas. At the request of police, the Government has ordered troops to be sent to quell the disturbances. This evening mounted men were patrolling the streets and machine-guns have been posted in railway stations and at other strategic points. — *Reuters.*

MINERS' DISPUTE

London, Jan. 8.—Negotiations on coal miners' wages are being resumed this afternoon in London when the mine owners will meet the representatives of the Executive of the Mine Workers Association. The miners claim advance of wages of two shillings per shift for adults and one shilling for juveniles throughout Britain, but the owners' proposals for advances in wages are understood to vary in different coalfields. Some have already been made public and in Scotland and Nottinghamshire the advances, which are nine pence and one shilling respectively, are already in force. — *British Wireless.*

GAMBLIN TO INSPECT FRONTIER

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).) Paris, Jan. 7.—The French Generalissimo, Gamelin attended a shooting parade of the 2nd Alpine battalion at Nice on Tuesday, with the Commander in Chief of the 15th Army Corps, General Mordant, the General of the South East Frontier, and all the higher officers of the 29th Infantry Division attending. On Wednesday Gamelin and the Commander-in-Chief of the Army Corps will inspect the Franco-Italian frontier territory. Afterwards a troop inspection will take place at Marseilles before Gamelin returns to Paris. — *Transocean Kuo Min.*

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS IN SPAIN

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).) Madrid, Jan. 7.—The constitutional rights throughout Spain have been restored by a decree signed by the President of the Republic on Tuesday. This means the unrestricted right of assembly again, the abolition of the right to search in private dwellings and the abolition of press censorship. — *Transocean Kuo Min.*

SPANISH PARLIAMENT

Madrid, Jan. 7.—The Spanish Parliament has been dissolved, thus making way for a new election for which the President has issued the necessary decree. — *Reuters' Bulletin Service.*

WAR MATERIAL PROFITS

J. P. Morgan Under Examination

Washington, Jan. 7.—The noted American financier, Mr. J. P. Morgan, has been accused by Senators of making a "stump speech" during his examination by the Senate Committee inquiring into financing of the supply of munitions for the World War.

Before testifying, Mr. Morgan made statements placing the assets of the firm which bears his name at \$538,000,000 on December 31. Mr. Morgan submitted a prepared statement in which he asserted that the United States entered the World War owing to German insults and injuries, rather than from a financial interest. He had, he said, but he was proud when the President had asked Congress to declare a state of war. Replying as to whether the House of Morgan had ever violated President Wilson's pledge of neutrality, Mr. Morgan declared: "We found we could not be impartial in such a situation."

It was generally known in the United States that the British and French Governments had ordered in America \$300,000,000 worth of war materials. The House of Morgan had received a commission of roughly one per cent. on these orders as agents. This involved no commitments on their part although they helped their clients to find the money when the question of obtaining credit arose. "The fact that the victorious Allies found us useful and valued our assistance in their task is the thing of which I am proudest in all my business life of forty-five years," Mr. Morgan asserted. — *Reuters.*

BRITISH EDUCATIONAL REFORMS

London, Jan. 7.—The London Board of Education is expected to make extensive educational reforms in the near future. Nursery schools will be provided for children under five years of age, for one thing. A big building programme for secondary schools is proposed and it is promised to raise grants to the secondary schools to from twenty to fifty per cent. of the present figures. Transportation grants also will be raised from twenty to forty per cent. and bus facilities and bicycles will be provided for those children who live a long distance from school. The number of university scholarships will be increased from 300 to 360 per year. It is emphasised that medical and dentistry services will be improved and that special attention will be paid to physical education. — *Reuters.*

Problems Of U.S. Reviewed

VISITING EDITOR SEES N.R.A. AS GROTESQUE FAILURE

Shanghai, Jan. 7.—Speaking at the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday, Mr. William Allen White, editor of the "Emporia Gazette," dismissed the N.R.A. as a grotesque failure, but pictured the social security measures as an "attempt to retain the opportunities of capitalism for the unusual man, while making this consistent with a minimum living standard below which no man need fall who is willing to work." This ambition has not succeeded as yet because it has not been tried, and it has not been tried because not enough time has intervened, he said. Questioned by Mr. E. F. Harris as to the possible fate of New Deal legislation in the light of the test by the Supreme Court, the speaker said that law in the United States depends upon the temperament of nine old gentlemen on the Supreme Court bench. If the person of Death, President Roosevelt, held an "ace" card, for if one of the judges died—and the conservative members were older men—then he would be likely to appoint a liberal. Mr. White viewed with much concern the relief problem in the

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Criticised by London Magistrate

"BOLSTERING" UP A CASE

London, Dec. 18.—Costs amounting to 20 guineas were awarded against the police by Mr. Ivan Snell at Marylebone yesterday, and four men charged with being suspected persons were discharged. The men were: Frederick Moore, 40, motor repairer, of Bourne-terrace, Paddington; Richard Sherman, 28, of Haverley-road, George William Morris, 24, fruit-stall holder, of Cirencester-street, Paddington; and Victor Frederick Benson, 29, licensed victualler's manager, of Harrow-road. Each man was granted five guineas costs. A fifth man, employed by the Willesden Borough Council, arrested at the same time, was discharged last week at the request of the police. No costs were given in his case. The police stated that following a communication by a civilian, a wireless message was sent out by Scotland Yard. Police cars arrived at Minster-avenue, Harlesden, at 1.15 a.m., and a car containing four men was found with the engine running. It was alleged that two of the men tried the door of a coffee shop. When the officers approached the men returned to the car, which was driven off at high speed. After a chase estimated to have lasted half an hour the car stopped at traffic lights in Edgware-road. Mr. Raphael, who appeared for the Commissioner of Police, stated that he did not propose to call any more witnesses. He could do no more than leave the case where it was, hoping that the magistrate would recognise that the police could not have done other than they did in the circumstances. Mr. Snell said he did not feel very happy about the matter, and he should take the line that he did not think the evidence was sufficient.

"ONLY SUSPICION"

Mr. Henry Ham, applying for costs for two of the men, said they were admitted by the police to be men of the very highest character. They had been summoned to the court on three occasions, with their witnesses, to answer a serious charge, and now, after inquiries—inquiries which could have been made long ago—the charge was practically dropped. Similar applications were made by Mr. Gush and Mr. Samuel Coleman, for the other men. Mr. Gush said Sherman had a splendid character and, on the night in the case was merely having a ride with his friends. Mr. Ivan Snell remarked that there were some very odd and very weak points in the story of the police. He thought they were made suspicious by some act, but by the time they had arrested these men they ought to have come to the conclusion that the case was one of suspicion only and not quite strong enough. He thought there was rather a tendency to bolster up the case on the lines, "Now we have got them we must do something about it." He thought the police had gone beyond what they should have done.

the United States. "It has been our proud boast," he said, "that no man has starved, but the price we have to pay is the self-respect of millions. We have built up a condition which may become chronic if all efforts are not bent towards remedy." — *N.O.D.N.*

Napoleon's Eaglet May Return

EMBALMED BODY OF SON IN VIENNA FOR FRANCE

Rumours that the embalmed body of the "Eaglet," son of Napoleon I., will be transferred from the Capuchin Catacombs, the burial place of the Habsburgs, to the Dome of Invalides in Paris, where his father is resting, have been revived by Austrian and French newspapers. It is believed that the Archduke Otto of Habsburg, the head of the former Imperial dynasty, is inclined to give his consent to the "home-coming" of the Eaglet in order to win French public opinion for his plan in connection with Austrian restoration. The request of the Bonapartists that the body of the Eaglet should be returned, was refused in 1923 by the Republican Government of Austria, which regarded the burial place of the former rulers of the Austrian Empire as a national museum. It is probable that the present government, which has strong monarchical leanings, will raise no objection, and that the heads of the two deposed dynasties, Prince Bonaparte and Archduke Otto, will soon be able to exchange courtesies over the matter.

Heir To Empire

The Eagle was once the symbol of the enmity between the two dynasties. He was born, as the "King of Rome" in Paris, as heir to the Napoleonic Empire, and died as the "Duke of Reichstadt" at the age of 21 in the Vienna castle of Schoenbrunn, where he was kept in strict seclusion by his grandfather, the Austrian Emperor Francis, and his Chancellor, Prince Metternich. In the same castle of Schoenbrunn, 23 years before the death of the Eaglet, Napoleon I., had taken up his headquarters as a conqueror. There he forced the proud Kaiser-urg Emperor to recognise the new map of Europe, and to consent to his marriage with his daughter, Marie Louise, Archduchess of Austria.

After the fall of Napoleon, his son was taken to Austria, where he was deprived of everything that might remind him of his father. He was given the new title of Duke of Reichstadt, and was guarded day and night because of the plans of the Bonapartists to kidnap or rather free him. He died of consumption, according to the official version. It was rumoured, however, that the young prince was poisoned by Metternich, in order to put an end to the plotting of the Bonapartists. The Eaglet had certainly little chance to do anything heroic during his short life. Nevertheless, he was made a national hero by the Bonapartists. Next year, the 125th anniversary of his birth will be celebrated in France.

FRENCH NAVAL BASE AT TRIPOLI

(By Telegraph, Copyright, Transoceanic Messages Ordinance, 1934. Received, January 8, 7.50 p.m.) Jerusalem, Jan. 8.—Despatches from Beirut state that the French Government has in agreement with the British Government decided to establish a naval base at the Syrian port of Tripoli. — *Transocean Kuo Min.*

"NOTHING DOING"

Roma, Jan. 7.—"Nothing worthy of mention occurred on the Eritrean and Somali frontiers" is the second text of the 90th official war bulletin issued on Tuesday. — *Transocean Kuo Min.*

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Women And Machines In Banks

OFFICERS' GUILD CRITIQUE NEW CONDITIONS

Mechanization in banks is criticized in the report of the Intelligence Committee of the Bank Officers' Guild.

It appears, the report states, "that most banks have introduced a machine system more or less haphazardly into the larger branches, but there is as yet no uniformity, and it is felt that it is too early to express a definite opinion whether the system is an improvement or not on previous methods."

It is added that responsibility is sometimes thrown on women and girls who are not paid a salary sufficient to warrant such responsibility.

"Complaints are numerous," the report continues. "Machines are sometimes placed in positions which are cramped and badly lighted, or concentrated in small rooms where the noise becomes nerve-racking."

"Certain types of machines are in use which are too heavy to be worked except by the most robust operators," it is stated. "At certain heavy periods long hours have to be worked, causing severe strain on machine operators."

According to the report, female labour is increasing in banks, but the recruitment of male juniors has been almost negligible during the past few years.

Since 1929, 2,000 more women and 4,000 fewer men of the class earning

£1,000,000 Steel Deal Approved

NEW HOPE FOR THE EBBW VALE WORKERS

Shareholders and debenture holders of the Ebbw Vale Steel, Iron and Coal Co., Ltd., in London on December 6 ratified the provisional agreement for the sale of the company's iron and steel assets, and of its interests in Lancashire's Steam Coal Collieries, Ltd., to Richard Thomas and Co. Ltd., the large Welsh tinplate combine.

Payments totalling £1,025,000 are involved in the sale agreement, which is now completed and takes effect, as from November 3.

The agreement was arrived at provisionally on November 8. It was conditional upon the consent of the Ebbw Vale Company's bankers, certain royalty owners, and the share and debenture holders of the selling company.

All these have now expressed their approval, although, at the meeting of shareholders, the resolution to ratify the agreement was defeated on a show of hands, but carried by ballot according to share holdings. The debenture holders have also approved.

2500 and under have been employed.

The report has been adopted by the Guild.

THE EXCHANGE MARKET

MESSRS. ROZA BROS

Spot silver rose 1/4 yesterday, the quotation being 202. There was no forward quotation. The rise was attributed to India and speculators as having bought. The market closed steady.

In America the rate was unchanged at 49 1/2 for spot.

The London/New York cross-rate rose 1/8 to 4.93 and the New York/London rate was slightly higher at 4.93 1/16.

MARKET

Steady to firm. Business was slack.

STERLING

Opened with sellers at 1/3 9/16 for cash, buyers bidding 1/3 11/16, at which rate, a small business was arranged for cash followed by transactions at 1/3 1/16 up to Chinese New Year and 1/3 1/16 for January. 1/3 9/16 was also fixed for February and 1/3 1/16 for March. The market closed with sellers at 1/3 1/16 for January, 1/3 9/16 for February and 1/3 1/16 for March, buyers at 1/16 higher respectively.

U.S. DOLLARS

Business was done at 32 3/16 for first half of January and 3 1/2 for February. The market closed with sellers at 32 3/16 for cash, 32 1/16 for January and 3 1/2 for February, buyers at 1/16 higher respectively.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Sellers were quoted at 10 1/2 for cash.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Opened with sellers at 1/3 15/32 for spot and closed a shade steadier at 1/2 1/4 for spot. U.S. Dollars—opened with sellers at 2 1/4 and closed a shade steadier at 2 1/4 1/16 for spot.

H. K. STOCK EXCHANGE

YESTERDAY'S OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

There was not much activity in the market during today's short session, but prices remained practically unchanged.

BUYERS

Hong Kong Banks, \$1505.
Amamoko, \$1.45.
Rauha, \$101.
Venz. Goldfields, \$3.
Wharves (Old), \$101.
Hotels, \$5.30.
H.K. Realities, \$5.35.
Peak Trams (Old), \$5.
Star Ferries, \$90.
Wing on (H.K.), \$42.

SELLERS

Hong Kong Trams, \$14.
Sincere, \$3.10.
Constructions (Old), \$11.

SALES

Hong Kong Banks, \$1500.
China Underwriters, \$1.10.
Hong Kong 4% Debentures, 100.
China Lights (Old), \$10.15.
China Lights (New), \$10.15.
Telephones (Old), \$25.50.
Telephones (New), \$10.15.
Cements, \$8.
Dairy Farms, \$21.40-\$21.45.
Sincere, \$3.
Constructions (New), 50 cts.

According to Mr. Sun Pu Shih, Chief Engineer of the Yangtze River Conservancy Commission, construction work on the various embankments along the river in Hupei, Anhwei and Kiangsi is progressing apace and is scheduled to be completed before the river rises next spring. Mr. Sun further said that the Ministry of Finance has recently appropriated \$4,000,000 worth of Flood Relief Bonds which have been already apportioned among the three provinces. These are being mortgaged with the local banks of these provinces for cash.

holders' ratification was given at a meeting earlier in the day.

In addition to the shares in the Lancashire's Steam Coal Collieries, Ltd., the sale covers the steel works, blast furnaces, sheet mills, power station, sulphuric acid plant, sleeper plant, coke ovens, engineering shops, foundry gas works, brickworks and wharves and a number of wagons.

It also includes the Ebbw Vale Company's limestone quarries, dolomite mines, gaults and clay levels and the Reddiborough pits.

Ebbw Vale steelworks formerly employed 10,000 men. They have been closed for six years.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE)

	January 6.	January 7.
Paris	74 23/32	74 51/64
Geneva	15.16 1/2	15.17 1/2
Berlin	12.28	12.28
Athens	520 S.	
Milan	61 1/2	61 1/2
Shanghai		
New York	4.92 15/16	4.93 1/16
Amsterdam	7.26 1/2	7.27
Vienna		
Prague	118 1/2	119
Bucharest		867 S.
Madrid	36 1/16	
Lisbon		
Hong Kong		
Brussels	29.30	29.31
Montevideo	39 11/16 S.O.	39 1/16 S.O.
Batavia		
Bombay	4.94 1/2	4.94 1/2
Yokohama		
Helsingfors		
Rio	4 1/2 S.O.	
Buenos Aires		
Silver (Spot)		20 1/2
Silver (Forward)		
War Loan	3 1/2 105 1/2	3 1/2 105 1/2

Closing Quotations

January 8, 1936.		New York	
On London		Bank Bills, on demand 31 9/16	
Telegraphic Transfer	1 1/2	Credit, 60 days' sight 32 9/16	
Bank Bills, on demand		On demand	4 1/2
Bank Bills, 4 months'		On demand	4 1/2
sight	1/3 1/16	Bank Bills, on demand 4 1/2	
Credit, four months'		Credit, 4 months' sight 500	
sight	1/4	On Saigon	
On Shanghai		On demand	4 1/2
On demand	105 1/2	On Manila	
On Singapore		On demand	63 1/2
On demand	54 1/2	On Bangkok	
On Java		On demand	14 1/2
On demand	109 1/2	Soviet Union, Bank Buying	
On India		Rate	1/3 1/16
Telegraphic Transfer	8 1/2	Bar Silver, per oz.	30 1/2
Bank, on demand	1 1/2		

SINGAPORE RAW RUBBER

Latest Singapore Prices

S. R. JOSEPH & CO.		Tuesday, Jan. 8.	
Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co. received the following quotations in Straits Currency from Singapore for Raw Rubber.			
Spot	23 up 1/2	23 1/2	
Feb./Mar.	23 1/2 up 1/2	23 1/2	
Apr./June	24 up 1/2	24 1/2	
July/Sept.	24 1/2 up 1/2	24 1/2	
Market—Quiet			

BERLIN SHARE MARKET

[Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).]

Berlin, Jan. 7.

The sharemarket was again quiet despite the satisfaction prevailing at the over subscription of the new Prussian Conversion bonds, and the favourable prospects thus opened for the issue of this month's 4 1/2 per cent German Railway treasury bonds. The lack of buying orders for shares was partly explained by the desire of many investors to secure part of the new bond issue. Fixed interest securities were likewise very quiet, price changes being small. Cash money was at 2 1/2.

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REICHSMARK QUOTATIONS

[Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).]

Berlin, Jan. 7.

Reichsmark quotations (without guarantee).

New York 40.25

Paris 6 1/2

Amsterdam 59.27

London 12.28

Paris Sterling 74.72 to 74

Paris Dollar 15.155 to 15.157

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U. S.-MEXICO SILVER AGREEMENT

Washington, Jan. 7.

Observers believe the silver agreement between the United States and Mexico provides for the exchange of American gold for Mexican silver and the establishment of a Mexican silver and gold reserve system.

It is expected that the U.S. Treasury will buy the whole of Mexico's silver output, presumably on the basis of a pre-arranged price formula.

Reuter

CHINA'S TRADE WITH P. I.

DROPS TO FIFTH PLACE Caused By Four Factors

Nanking. China's trade in the Philippine Islands has registered a sharp decrease during the past year.

Ranking first among the importing countries of the Philippine Islands in 1928, China's trade position had been relegated to an insignificant place during recent years, her total export to the former in the last year being only about 8,000,000 pesos.

This is revealed in a report submitted to the Foreign Trade Bureau by the Chinese Consulate-General in Manila.

The decline of China's trade in the Philippine Islands is attributed by the report to four main causes: (1) economic development of the Philippine Islands; (2) conflict of trade interests between China and the United States; (3) lack of improvement in the manufacture of Chinese goods; and (4) keen rivalry of Japanese goods.

PRINCIPAL EXPORTS

According to the report, China's principal exports to the Philippine Islands are cotton goods, silk goods, eggs, meat and vegetables. From 1928 to 1932 China's average annual export of goods to the Islands amounted to approximately 2,000,000 pesos, but since the promulgation of the new tariff rates by the Philippine Government in 1933 this has decreased to about 200,000 pesos only. Meanwhile, there has been a continuous import of Japanese goods, and the Philippines themselves also established a large number of experimental stations for the rearing of fowls.

China's export of various kinds of meat to the Philippines averaged previously to 1,500,000 pesos annually. But in recent years there has been much opposition on the part of the Philippine Government to the transitory ways Chinese meat is put up and preserved. As a result, the average annual value of export has dropped to about 422,000 pesos only. A great blow has thus been dealt upon Chinese hams which formerly constituted one of the principal exports to the Philippines.

VEGETABLES AND BEANS

China's average annual export of vegetables and beans to the Islands has also dropped from 1,377,000 pesos to 500,000 pesos. The principal cause for China's decline in these articles are attributed to the adoption of modern scientific methods for planting vegetables by the Philippines and to the large imports of these from the United States during recent years. China's average annual export

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	Hong Kong	Shanghai	Nagasaki	Kobe	Yokohama	Honolulu	San Francisco
E/Japan	Jan. 14	Jan. 16	Jan. 18	Jan. 19	Jan. 21	Jan. 27	Feb. 1
E/Ana	Jan. 14	Jan. 31	Feb. 2	Feb. 4	Feb. 6	Feb. 8	Feb. 10
E/Canada	Feb. 11	Feb. 13	Feb. 15	Feb. 16	Feb. 18	Feb. 25	Mar. 1
E/Russia	Feb. 26	Feb. 28	Mar. 1	Mar. 3	Mar. 5	Mar. 10	Mar. 14
E/Japan	Mar. 8	Mar. 8	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 15	Mar. 19	Mar. 24
E/Asia	Mar. 30	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Mar. 30	Mar. 28	Mar. 31	Apr. 6
E/Canada	Apr. 3	Apr. 5	Apr. 7	Apr. 8	Apr. 10	Apr. 17	Apr. 23
E/Russia	Apr. 17	Apr. 19	Apr. 21	Apr. 23	Apr. 25	Apr. 28	May 4
E/Japan	May 1	May 3	May 5	May 6	May 8	May 14	May 19
E/Asia	May 15	May 17	May 19	May 21	May 23	May 28	June 1
E/Canada	May 29	May 31	June 2	June 3	June 5	June 12	June 17
E/Russia	June 12	June 14	June 16	June 18	June 20	June 25	June 29
E/Japan	June 26	June 28	June 30	July 1	July 3	July 9	July 14
E/Asia	July 10	July 12	July 14	July 16	July 18	July 23	July 27
E/Canada	July 24	July 26	July 28	July 30	July 31	Aug. 7	Aug. 13

Sailings to MANILA

EMPRESS OF CANADA ... Jan. 17th.
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA ... Feb. 1st.

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HEIAN MARU ... (Starts from Kobe) Monday, 20th Jan.
HIKAWA MARU ... (Starts from Kobe) Monday, 3rd Feb.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM
KATORI MARU ... Saturday, 18th Jan.
KASHIMA MARU ... Saturday, 1st Feb.

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KAMO MARU ... Saturday, 26th Jan.
KITANO MARU ... Saturday, 22nd Feb.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang and Colombo.
TANGO MARU ... Saturday, 11th Jan.
MAYEASHI MARU ... Tuesday, 28th Jan.
MURORAN MARU ... Thursday, 30th Jan.

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NEW YORK via Panama.

NARUTO ARMU ... Tuesday, 14th Jan.
NAGARA MARU ... Saturday, 8th Feb.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul, Piraeus.

DURBAN MARU ... Saturday, 18th Jan.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

BENGAL MARU ... Wednesday, 15th Jan.
TORUSHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 29th Jan.

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HAKONE MARU ... Friday, 17th Jan.
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To MANILA via Saigon, Singapore, Cebu, Davao (Aden), Suez, Port Said.

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Clearances, Ships in Harbour, etc.

ARRIVALS

8TH JANUARY.

Mirzapore, British steamer, 4,134 tons, Captain W. S. Pocock, from Moji, buoy No. A4—M. M. & Co.
Lyeemooon, British steamer, 1,734 tons, Captain E. Holmes, from Saigon, buoy No. B10—W. Fat Sing.
Celebes Maru, Japanese steamer, 4,258 tons, Captain A. Ikezo, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—O. S. K.
Sirdhana, British steamer, 4,335 tons, Captain R. C. Brown, from Calcutta via Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—M. M. & Co.
Cremer, Dutch steamer, 2,785 tons, Captain J. W. Kummer, from Swatow, buoy No. A1—J. C. J. Line.

China Maru, Japanese steamer, 4,266 tons, Capt. B. Yedayoshi, from Milke, buoy No. A2—O. S. K.
Canton Maru, Japanese steamer, 1,847 tons, Captain H. Misaka, from Keelung via Swatow, buoy No. B2—O. S. K.
Hydrangea, British steamer, 561 tons, Captain J. W. Grieron, from Swatow, Chiu On Wharf—Chiu On & Co.

Hai Ning, British steamer, 840 tons, Captain E. Walker, from Fochow and Amoy via Swatow, Douglas Wharf—Douglas & Co.

Yunnan, British steamer, 1,633 tons, Captain D. Wilson, from Tientsin via Swatow, buoy No. B1—B. & S.

Soochow, British steamer, 1,594 tons, Captain F. Gibbs, from Canton, buoy No. B18—Butterfield and Swire.

Perseus, British steamer, 6,336 tons, Captain F. E. Holmes, from Yokohama via Shanghai, buoy No. A8—Butterfield and Swire.

Talchibius, British steamer, 6,492 tons, Captain R. J. Sturrock, from Tacoma via Shanghai, buoy No. A9—Butterfield and Swire.

CLEARANCES

8TH JANUARY.

Selstan, for Swatow
Norviken, for Swatow
Huichow, for Swatow
Chekiang, for Swatow
Soochow, for Swatow
Asama Maru, for Shanghai
Tijalak, for Amoy
Hydrangea, for Swatow
China Maru, for Singapore
Tchekam, for Canton
Kut Sang, for Singapore
Ruhr, for Shanghai
Mirzapore, for Singapore
Tai Yuan, for Amoy

MEN-OF-WAR IN PORT

The following warships were in harbour yesterday:
North Wall—Falmouth.
East Wall—Phoenix, Rainbow, Regent and Herald.
North Arm—Kent.
West Wall Dock—Dorsetshire.
In Dock—Seamew and Sandwich.
Talkoo Dock—Orpheus.
Cosmopolitan Dock—Parthian.
No. 4 Buoy—Bruce.

FOREIGN

Japanese—Saga.

NEWS FROM THE WATERFRONT

Freight And Asiatic Passengers Returns

(BY LONGSHOREMAN).

The freight returns, received from the Harbour Office during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday show a fairly high tonnage movement, a large proportion of which being made up by British ships.

The total tonnage of general cargo carried by vessels to the Colony was 12,341 tons, with British steamers carrying 3,429 tons.

Through cargo for ports beyond the Colony amounted to 11,340 tons, of which 7,497 tons were carried by British steamers.

Asiatic deck passengers, entering into the Colony, during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were 1,159, of which 791 were from British steamers.

There were altogether 18 arrivals, of which 9 were of British registry, the remainder being of other nationalities, while of the 19 departures, 6 were British ships, the rest being of other different countries. Particulars as follows:

Nationality	Ships	Tonnage.
British	9	10,836
American	1	2,519
Dutch	1	369
French	1	450
Japanese	2	2,444
Chinese	4	7,063
Total	18	23,681

SHIPS IN HARBOUR

WHARVES

Kowloon—Sirdhana, Celebes Maru and Asama Maru.
Douglas Quay—Selstan and Hai Ning.
Saikong—Wing Wah.
Chiu On—Hydrangea.

DOCKS

Kowloon—Hai Sang, Bremerhaven and Empress of Japan.
Talkoo—H.M.S. Orpheus, Kitani Maru, Talslan, Canton, Hong Hsiang, Yochow, Chengtu and Taiyo Maru.

BUOYS

No. A1—Cremer.
No. A2—China Maru.
No. A3—Tai Ping.
No. A4—Mirzapore.
No. A5—Perseus.
No. A6—Talchibius.
No. A7—Yunnan.
No. B1—Norviken.
No. B2—Kalgan.
No. B3—Tchekam.
No. B4—Haidia.
No. B5—Canton Maru.
No. B6—Chekiang.
No. B7—Huichow.
No. B8—Tai Poo Sek.
No. B9—Soochow.
No. B10—Tai Yuan.
No. B11—Kut Sang.
No. C1—Hella.
No. C2—Minawo Maru.

PASSENGERS

S.S. SIRDHANA

List of passengers, arrived by a.s. "Sirdhana" yesterday were:—
Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Bor, Major R. Williams, Mr. D. A. Ogilvy, Mrs. R. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Moey Han Yew and five children, Mr. Moey Cham Thoon, Mr. Moey Cham Sat, Mrs. Tye Chee Tean, Madam Tye Yuen Khay, Mr. and Mrs. Leong Shou Tack, Mr. Chan Chung Kee, Miss Tye Look Moy, Miss Chan Yu Poh, Mr. Chan Tock Yew, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jan and infant, Madam Lwee and one child, Mr. Teng Lee Sang, Mr. Loo Loke Fong, Mr. Loke Chong Yik, Madam Ngo Ali, Mrs. Lim Boon Kang, Mr. Lim Teng Han, Mr. Tan Twa Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Alexander and infant.

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Arrivals by the a.s. Asama Maru yesterday were:—
Mrs. Haru Ando, Mrs. L. T. Barnard, Mr. R. A. Barnard, Miss D. V. Barnard, Master F. P. Barnard, Mrs. E. L. Barnard, Mr. Edward R. Brier, Mrs. Brier, Mr. Wallace Clark, Mrs. G. M. Constantino, Dr. H. G. Earl, Sister M. D. Guidera, Mr. C. Hashimoto, Mr. Tetsuzaburo Hattori, Miss Phyllis Hill, Mr. Henry Hobden, Mr. J. Hoffmann, Mr. T. A. Jenkin, Mrs. Teruyo Kimura and three children, Miss M. I. Marston, Mr. Eiji Matsukura, Mrs. T. Matsukura, Miss Naoki Matsukura, Miss Sumi Matsukura, Miss Eina Matsukura, Mr. John P. Moodie-Heddie, Mr. Zensaburo Nagata, Mr. Hides Nakamura, Mrs. A. M. Preston, Mrs. Vera Pate and two children, Mr. Razmatovitch, Mr. Yasuma Sasaki, Mrs. O. S. Sant and infant, Mrs. Floy M. Shackle, Mrs. Rin Tel, Mr. Yoshitaro Tanaka, Miss C. Townsend, Mr. James Thorp, Mrs. M. Tsurumi, Miss I. P. Utley, Mrs. Yuki Uyeda, Mrs. Raymond Wills, Lieut. E. A. Woodward, Mrs. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wuest, Mrs. Suma Yamamoto and two children, Mrs. Kime Yamashita.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

The Butterfield and Swire a.s. "Philoteas" will arrive from Singapore on January 12, 1936.

The P. & O. steamer "Carthage" left Shanghai for this port on the 7th instant at 3 p.m., and is due here to-day at about 8 p.m.

The B.I. steam ship "Sirdhana" will leave for Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka on or about Thursday, to-day at 8 p.m.

The Butterfield and Swire a.s. "Shantung" left Shanghai on 7th January via Swatow with 30 mails for Hong Kong and is due here on 11th January, 1936.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following list of ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong Radio yesterday:—
Henry Keswick, General Pershing, Golden Coast, Cathay, Talchibius, Mirzapore, Pashan, Ruhr, Silverdandel, Bevenius, Sinabang, Naglan Maru, City of Eastbourne, Chicago Maru.

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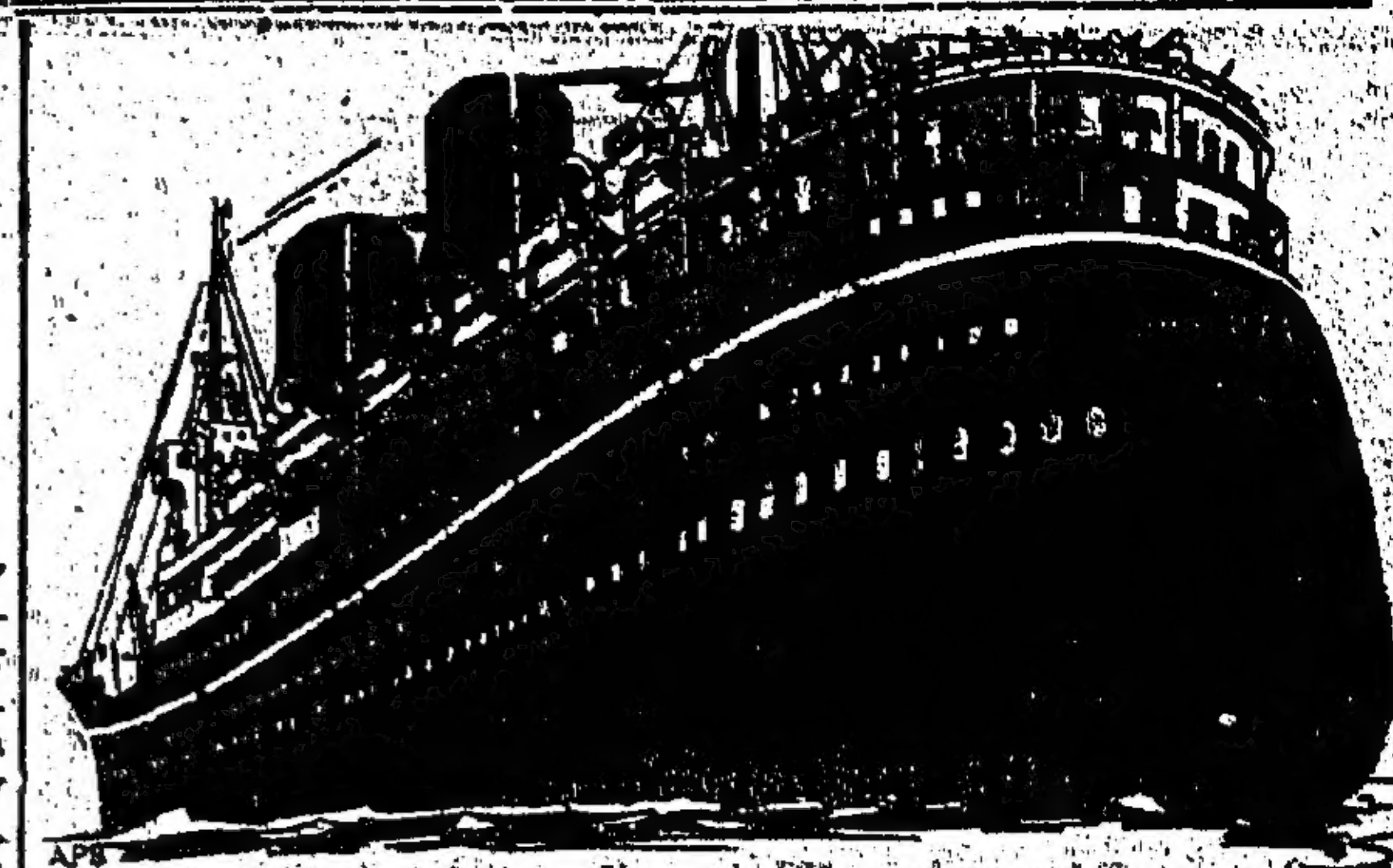
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BERHAR	8,000	18th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
RAJPUTANA	12,000	25th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
SOUDAN	7,000	1st Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
CHITRAL	15,000	8th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
CATHAY	15,000	22nd Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
BURDWAN	6,000	28th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
RAWALPINDI	17,000	7th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
GOBPU	14,800	21st Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
SOMALI	6,000	28th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
RANCHI	17,000	14th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
NALDERA	16,000	18th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London

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SIRDHANA	8,000	31st Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta
SHIRALA	8,000	11th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta
TILAWA	10,000	28th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta
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